

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:157
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2010
COACHING INSTITUTES
Dharmshi Shri Babar Gajanan

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a growing influence of coaching centres that put engineering aspirants through a grind, making it difficult for them to concentrate on their senior secondary examination;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether coaching institutions also allow the rich and the privileged to get their children admitted there and have a natural advantage over the financially weak students; and
- (d) if so, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.157 TO BE REPLIED ON 04-08-2010 ASKED BY SHRI GAJANAN D. BABAR REGARDING "COACHING INSTITUTES".

(a) to (d): This Ministry does not maintain data on coaching centres in the country and therefore it will not be possible to know the growing influence of coaching centres and to what extent it affects the school education system. However, steps have been taken from time to time to reform engineering entrance exams like IIT-JEE with a view to reduce dependency of engineering aspirants on coaching centres. Under the present IIT-Joint Entrance Examination System only those students who secure at least 60% marks in the Standard XII Examination are eligible for admission to the IITs so that the marks obtained in the qualifying Board Examinations are given due weightage.

The Government has taken measures to enable children of socially weaker section to avail of quality engineering education. For candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and physically challenged categories, 15%, 7.5% and 3% seats, respectively, in each programme are reserved. Candidates belonging to these categories are admitted on the basis of relaxed criteria which is 50% of general cut-off in the case of SC/ST candidates. In case all the reserved seats are not filled, a limited number of candidates are admitted to a Preparatory Course of one-year duration on the basis of a further relaxation of qualifying criteria. This course attempts to prepare the students in Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry. On successful completion of the course, the students are offered direct admission to the undergraduate programme in next year against the unfilled reserved seats for the year of Joint Entrance Examination (JEE).