

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

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VACANT SC/ST RESERVED SEATS IN IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of students of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country;
- (b) whether there are 50 per cent of the reserved seats remaining vacant as SC/ST students are unable to secure the minimum threshold marks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a): 1377 students of Scheduled Castes category and 488 students of Scheduled Tribes category have been allotted seats based on JEE-2010.
- (b) to (d): No, Sir. However, in case all the seats reserved for SC/ST categories are not filled, a limited number of candidates belonging to these categories 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). In this way practically all the reserved seats in IITs of SC & ST are filled.