

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOTMENT OF ENGINEERING SEATS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of engineering seats allotted to Lakshadweep Island by his Ministry;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to increase the seats in view of the growth in population;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): During the Academic Session of 2010-2011, 60 Degree level engineering seats have been allotted to the Lakshadweep Island by MHRD under the scheme of "Reservation of seats in Degree level technical courses for States/ Union Territories lacking in such facilities and for foreign and other categories of students". Besides the above seats, 31 supernumerary seats have also been released for the students of the UT of Lakshadweep and Kandvi in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) for the academic session 2010-2011.

(b) to (d): There is no proposal to increase the engineering seats at present. A new NIT has been set up in Goa, which will cater to the needs of Goa alongwith the UTs of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep. The NIT has started its first academic session from 2010 - 2011 with a total intake of ninety students / seats. Out of these 90 seats, 45 seats are meant for State-quota and the remaining 45 seats are filled up on All India rank basis. Apart from this, students of Lakshadweep are also eligible to compete for the 50% of seats in all the NITs on the basis of their All India ranking.