

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

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

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per information of the Joint Admission Board (JAB), although admission of Scheduled Caste (SC) / Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is made strictly as per the Government of India policy, the entire 15% and 7.5% do not qualify in the IIT Joint Entrance Examination (IIT-JEE) even on relaxed norms. The candidates belonging to SC and ST categories who do not qualify in the Under- Graduate (UG) courses competitive examination, but perform upto a certain level, are admitted to the one-year Preparatory Course. On qualifying the Preparatory Course at the end of year, they are admitted to the UG courses in the next session against the vacancies of the previous year. The number of seats allotted in the JEE- 2010 to SCs was 96.56% and to STs it was 64.91%. Almost all these vacancies are filled up through the students of the Preparatory Courses.