

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

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

- (a) the details of the number of students of SCs/STs category in various Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country, institution-wise, category-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether there are a large number of reserved seats remaining vacant in the IITs as SC/ST students are unable to secure the minimum marks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): 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/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. Total number of seats available, allotted to SC/ST candidates and percentage in respect of the total availability of seats in JEE-2008, 2009 and 2010 are annexed.