GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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SC ST OBCS STUDENTS IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of SCs/STs/Other Backward Classes category and physically disabled students getting admission in Graduation and Post Graduation Courses in the Central Universities of the country including University of Delhi during the last three years;
- (b) the details thereof, year-wise and University-wise;
- (c) whether a number of seats reserved for SC/ST/OBC and Phyically disabled students go unfilled in various colleges of University of Delhi;
- (d) the details for still vacant seats left in these categories and the reasons for the failure to admit students; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to fill the seats reserved for the students of these categories in all colleges in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b) The total number of SC/ST/OBCs and physically disabled students getting admission in graduation and post graduation courses in the Central Universities excluding newly established Central Universities are as per Annexure- I, II and III.
- (c) The detail in this regard is being collected from University of Delhi.
- (d) and (e) The SC/ST/OBCs and physically disabled students are being admitted as per reservation policy of Government of India. The seats remain unfilled due to non-availability of students of these categories. In so far as the short-fall in filling up of OBC vacancy is concerned, it may be clarified that the University of Delhi was earlier insisting that the OBC candidates must score within 10% of the cut off marks for the general category due to a judicial pronouncement. However, due to the recent judgement of the Delhi High Court and the intervention of the Government of India, the University has since decided to lower cut offs for the OBC category suitably so as to fill the vacant OBC category seats by eligible candidates and there would be no conversion of OBC seats to general category seats. The admissions for the current academic session have not yet been completed.