

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

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OBCs QUOTA FOR IIT COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any representation has been received from the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) requesting for waiver of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) quota in some selected courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the such IITs;
- (c) whether such demands are contrary to the provisions of the Central Educational institutions Act; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): There has been a suggestion that while increasing the overall number of seats by 54% in an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), to give effect to implementation of OBC reservation, increase in the number of seats in individual disciplines may not be insisted upon, but may be decided by taking into account the popularity, demand and importance of-the disciplines. The issue is being considered in consultation with the Ministry of Law & Justice.