

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FEE HIKE IN IITS

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

- (a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) council has decided a steep rise in academic fee from 2013;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is proposed that the fee structure at IITs will be reviewed every year from now;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for economically weaker section, SC, ST and girl students who will not be able to pay the fee;
- (f) the details of the assistance that is currently being provided and proposed to be provided to the above category students;and
- (g) the steps taken / being taken by the Government for improving the performance of IITs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d) Based on the recommendations of the Group of Directors of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the Standing Committee of the IIT Council, the Council of the IITs, in its 46th meeting, held on 07.01.2013, decided to revise the existing fees in respect of the Under-Graduate (UG) students of IITs from Rs. 50,000 per annum to Rs. 90,000 per annum from the academic year of 2013-14. The fee structure would be reviewed every year. The cost of education tends to increase incrementally over a period of time. The substantial part of the cost is borne out of budgetary support from the Government but a small portion of it is met through fees from students. As per the analysis made in the report of the Dr. Kakodkar Committee on "Taking IITs to Excellence and Greater Relevance", the fee covered only 7.49% of the revenue expenditure during the year 2010. The present increase in the annual fees of the UG students of IITs has come after the last increase in 2008-09 from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000.

(e) & (f) While the fees payable by the IIT students are gender-neutral, the SC / ST students are exempted from payment of tuition fees irrespective of their parental income. They are also entitled to travelling allowance (II class train fare / ordinary bus fare) from the place of residence to the Institute to join the B.Tech. programme. The SC / ST students admitted to the B.Tech. and Dual Degree programmes are given free book bank facilities and, those whose parental income is below Rs. 4.50 lakhs per annum, are entitled to free hostel seat rent, basic messing and pocket allowance of Rs. 250 per month. The students (other than SC / ST categories), upto 25% of intake strength whose annual parental income is less than Rs. 4.50 lakhs, are exempted from payment of tuition fee and are paid a stipend of Rs. 1000 for ten months in an academic year.

(g) Council of IITs had set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar on "Taking IITs to Excellence and Greater Relevance." The Committee has since submitted its report.