

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

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VACANT SEATS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

(a) whether most of the seats in various technical educational institutions including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) remained vacant in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, IIT-wise, year-wise and the reasons therefor;and

(c) the steps taken/ being taken by the Government to fill up the above vacant seats in those institutions?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) to (c) No, Madam. However, a small number of seats remain vacant in most of the technical educational institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), even after candidates have made partial or full payment of admission fees, as some of them do not turn up for final registration, preferring to join other institutes in disciplines of their choice. Several rounds of counselling, however, are held by the Joint Admission Board (JAB) of the IITs to fill up the vacant seats. A statement indicating the number of seats available and allotted in 15 IITs on the basis of the Joint Entrance Examinations (JEE) held in 2010, 2011 and 2012 is annexed.