

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

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RESERVATION OF SEATS FOR EWS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked to all the technical educational institutes to reserve five per cent of seats for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), who must not be charged tuition fees;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against those technical institutes which have for direction for above reservation; and
- (d) the time by which the said reservation of seats for EWS would become effective?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) :No, Madam. However, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has a scheme viz. the "Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme" applicable to all approved technical institutions of the AICTE offering Bachelor Programmes, Diploma and Post-Diploma programmes of three/four years duration. This scheme is mandatory. Under this scheme 5% seats are sanctioned as supernumerary seats. This scheme can be availed of by students getting admitted in the AICTE approved institutions provided the income of parents of such students is less than Rs 4.5 lakh from all sources.

(c):The AICTE has notified action in case of violation of Regulations in Chapter IV of its Approval Process Handbook-2013-14 available on the AICTE website i.e. www.aicte-india.org.

(d):The said scheme has been made mandatory since 2010-11.