GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3712 ANSWERED ON:20.03.2013 ADMISSION OF GIRLS IN IITS Tagore Shri Manicka

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

- (a) whether the percentage of girls admission in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country is very low;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for the low percentage of girls admission in IITs; and
- (c) the steps taken / being taken by the Government to encourage girls to join IITs?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) Although the percentage of female candidates registered in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) during the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 were 24.82, 23.44 and 33.28 respectively, their respective admission rates were only 10.28,
- 9.97 and 9.78. The reasons vary but final admissions reflect success in the examinations alone.
- (c) The recent increase in the percentage of registered female candidates in JEE-2012, presumably, is due to the drastic reduction of in the application fees for girls. Also, the fee chargeable to female candidates in the JEE (Main) and JEE (Advanced) 2013 would be 50% and 'nil' respectively.