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FEE HIKE IN IITS AND IIMS

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

- (a) whether the higher education is likely to become more expensive due to approval given by the Government to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) for hiking their fee structure in order to attain self-sufficiency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to improve the performance of the above institutes in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): 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. 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 the IITs from Rs. 50,000 per annum to Rs. 90,000 per annum from the academic year of 2013-14. The present increase in the annual fees of the UG students from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000 has come after the last increase in 2008-09. There is, however, no proposal for a fee hike in the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

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.

Similarly, the IIMs provide need based scholarship / financial assistance to the students on case to case basis by committees constituted for this purpose. Also, easy bank loans are made available to the students ensuring that no student is denied opportunity to pursue a course in higher education for want of adequate resources.

(d): The IITs and the IIMs are both Institutes of international repute and constantly endeavour to improve their performance. Some of the initiatives include increasing focus on research by augmenting Ph.Ds, enhancing industry-academia collaboration and establishing Centres of Excellence.