

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

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VACANT SEATS IN IITS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of students have refused to join Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) after getting admission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, institute-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of seats lying vacant in each IIT during the current academic year; course-wise; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken / being taken by the Government to fill the above vacant seats in those IITs?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): No, Sir. There were three rounds of course allocation for under-graduate programmes at the 16 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad. A total of 9716 seats were allotted in the first round, out of which 760 allottees preferred not to join. These seats were then allotted to the other lower ranked candidates in the subsequent second and third rounds. The number of seats that were not allotted, ie, remained vacant after the third round, are as follows:

Sl.No. Name of Institute Course details No. of Seats

(a)	IIT Roorkee	Architecture	5
(b)	IIT Kharagpur	Architecture	3
(c)	IIT (BHU), Varanasi	Pharmaceutics	
		(4 years)	4
		(5 years)	2
(d)	ISM Dhanbad	Applied Geo-Physics	1
	Total		15

A total of 48 seats were allotted to Preparatory Course programme on 24.07.2013. It is reported that the reason for candidates not accepting these seats are that these seats are in courses which are not so popular with the students.