

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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VACANT SEATS IN IITS AND NITS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many successful candidates in entrance examinations have not shown any interest in taking admissions in premier institutes like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, institute-wise and the reasons thereof;
- (c) the number of seats which remained vacant in each IIT and NIT during the last three years and the current year as on date, year-wise, category-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to attract students towards these premier institutes?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The percentage of the seats filled in the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) and the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) during the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are given below:

Institutes	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
IITs	95.73%	96.72%	99.26%	99.96%
NITs	94.55%	98.14%	97.26%	96.56%

(c) & (d): The category-wise details of the number of seats that remained vacant in each of the 16 IITs and 30 NITs during the years 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

The data indicates that the number of seats remaining vacant were negligible. A few seats were left vacant because some of the courses offered by the Institutes are not very popular among the students. The steady increase in the number of registrations in the JEE (Main) and the JEE (Advanced) indicates that the IITs and the NITs are the most preferred institutions in the field of Engineering and Technology.