

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 Government has allowed Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) for hiking their fee structure;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the impact of fee hike on students belonging to weaker sections of the society in their pursuit for higher education and the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the 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) & (b): Yes, Madam. 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 actual costs 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 Undergraduate (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 has come after the last increase from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000 in 2008-09. There is, however, no proposal with the Government for a fee hike in the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

(c): 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. The students (other than SC/ST categories), upto 25% of intake strength, whose annual parental income is less than Rs. 4.50 lakhs, are also exempted from payment of tuition fee and are paid a stipend for ten months in an academic year. Similarly, the IIMs provide need-based scholarships / financial assistance to the financially weaker students. 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): In order to improve the performance of the IITs and the IIMs, the Institutes have initiated external peer reviews to look into the issues of quality of governance, teaching, research, etc.