

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to start training/coaching centres for the IIT aspirants belonging to the poor families and economically weaker sections (EWS) of the Society;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The aim of the government is to improve the quality of education in schools for mathematics and sciences so as to strengthen the academic base for students who are IIT aspirants.

Though, there are no coaching classes for poor and economically weaker sections, remedial classes are held for meritorious social-educationally backward students belonging to SC and ST (many of whom are poor), who do not make it to the under-graduate course of IITs but are admitted to preparatory classes in IITs on relaxed criterion, which is 50% of general cut-off marks for SC/ST students. On successful completion of the preparatory course, which focuses on Maths, Science and English, these students are offered direct admission to the undergraduate courses.