

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

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RESERVATION QUOTA FOR SCS STS IN EDUCATION SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government reserves quota for SCs/ STs in education sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that this quota is benefiting the boys more than girls and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to correct this imbalance?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Central Educational Institutions (CEI) (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 provides for the reservation of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC)/ Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) of citizens to Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) established, maintained or aided by the Central Government. These CEIs are across medical/engineering/ health etc. sectors also and consequently this Act is also applicable to them. As per the CEI (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 (as amended in 2012), out of the annual permitted strength in each branch of study or faculty, 15% of seats shall be reserved for the SCs, 7 1/2 % for the STs and 27% for the OBCs. The Act also lays down special provisions for reservations for SCs/STs/OBCs in CEIs in tribal areas of Assam referred to in the Sixth schedule to the Constitution and in the States of Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Sikkim and Meghalaya.

Reservation in admissions in state controlled and state funded institutions are guided and regulated by respective state governments. At present, there is no reservations in purely private, self financing higher educational institutions.

(c): As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2012-13, while the enrolment of girls in Central Universities is slightly lower than those of boys, the enrolment of girls is far less in Centrally Funded Technical Institutions.

Category	Enrolment of CEI	Enrolment of SCs	Enrolment of STs	
	Male	Female	Male	Female

Central Universities	64789	45721	32711	32419
Centrally Funded Technical Institutions	16795	3506	7611	1521

(d): The Government has launched the scheme of "PRAGATI" Scholarship for providing encouragement and support to girl child to pursue technical education. The scheme is available to all girl students including those from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.