GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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

(a) the total percentage of staff and students in the institutions of National Importance represented by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities during the last three years;

(b) the number of drop-outs, in the aforementioned institutions amo- ngst Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during the above period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to secure adequate representa- tion of these communities?

Answer

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

(a) The information in respect of total percentage of staff and stu- dents in the institutions of National Importance represented by Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) communities during the last three years, based on All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) is as under:

Year Percentage of SCs & STs Teaching Staff and Students in Institutes of National Importance Teaching Staff Students

SC ST SC ST 2010-11 3.24 0.81 13.01 5.57 2011-12 3.39 0.78 12.60 5.74 2012-13 3.74 0.92 13.00 5.86 (Provi- (approx) sional)

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education -AISHE Response

(b) The statistics on drop-outs at degree and above level is not centrally maintained.

(c) To secure adequate number of representation of SC/ST students in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 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. Programmes. The SC/ST students admitted to the B.Tech and Dual Degree programmes are given free book bank facilities. The students, whose parental income is below Rs. 4.50 lakh per annum are entitled to free hostel seat, basic messing and pocket allowance. As per the modified admission criterion in IITs, which is to be applicable from Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Advanced), 2015, the candidate should be within the top 20 percentile of successful candidates in his/her respective Class 12 Board Examination in respective category or the candidate should have secured 75% (for GEN, OBC-Non creamy layer (NCL)) or 70% (for SC, ST, Persons with disability (PwD)) of aggregate marks in Class-12 Board Examination. In case seats reserved for SCs/STs, 15% and 7.5% respectively, are not filled in, a limited number of candidates are admitted to a one year preparatory course and on successful completion of the course, the students are admitted in the next year. In addition to above various scholarships/fellowships for SC/ST students are being provided by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Tribal Affairs and University Grants Commission. In order to fill up vacancies of staff, as per the prescribed reservation norms, special recruitment drive for recruitment of SCs/STs are launched from time to time.