

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:855  
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2016  
Girl Students in IITs  
Tripathi Shri Sharad

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

- (a) whether the percentage of admission of girl students in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is very low across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (c): The total student strength in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is 82,591 out of which 13,978 are girl students. The percentage of girl students in IITs is about 17%. Admission in IITs in various courses is done on the basis of merit in the admission tests such as Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) [JEE (Advanced)], Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and Joint Admission Test for M.Sc (JAM).

To improve the success rate of girl students in the premier engineering entrance examinations like JEE, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a project called "Udaan" to provide free academic resources to girl students of Class XI and Class XII.

\*\*\*\*\*