

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

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Increase of seats in IITs

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase B. Tech. and M. Tech. seats in various Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some of the IITs have raised their concern over such increase of seats, and if so, the reasons therefor and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to provide additional facilities/provisions in the IITs before increasing the seats and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The IIT-Council in its 50th Meeting held on 23.08.2016 approved in principle, the proposal for increasing the overall students' strength in the IITs to one lakh by the year 2020. All IITs were asked to prepare a plan of action for implementing this decision. Increasing intake requires matching infrastructure in the form of classrooms, hostels, accommodation for faculty, etc. Based on the requirement projected by the IITs, suitable budgetary support is provided.
