

Title: Need to reduce the capitation fees being charged by National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi for its various courses.

SHRI ANADI SAHU (BERHAMPUR, ORISSA): The National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, is an institution under the Ministry of Textiles. The NIFT runs two courses. The first one is on Fashion Designs. It runs for six semesters. The second one is FTIT. It is on Fashion Technology. It runs for seven semesters. In the first course a student has to pay Rs.17,000/- per semester towards capitation fees. In the second course the capitation fees are Rs.50,000/- per semester. The capitation fees are too heavy. Middle class parents cannot afford to send their wards to this Institute because of prohibitive capitation fees. Bright young boys and girls are thus debarred from joining the Institute because of economic considerations. This is causing heart-burn.

Since this is a Government Institute, the capitation fees should be lowered. The Ministry of Textiles may look into this and issue necessary instructions.