**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3260**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

**Fee Hike**

**3260**. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:
      SHRI ANUMULA REVANTH REDDY:
      SHRI M. SELVARAJ:
      SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:
      SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):
      SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

(a) whether the Government has hiked the fees of any Central University and Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) during in the last three years;

(b) if so, the number of such universities along with the details of the fee hike;

(c) the reasons for the fee hike;

(d) whether the Government conducted any consultation to ensure that poorer students as well as SC/ST students will not be impacted by the fee hike;

(e) whether the IITs have decided to stop giving monthly stipend of Rs. 12,400 to M.Tech scholars who joined through GATE; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**
**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**
**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d): Ministry of Human Resource Development has not issued any instructions to Central Universities for increase in the fees. So far as Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) is concerned, with a view to further strengthen the IITs, the revision of tuition fees for undergraduate programme of IITs was made on 8th April, 2016. To protect the interest of the socially and economically backward students, following provisions were made therein:

    (i) The SC/ST/PH students shall get complete fee waiver.

    (ii) The most economically backward students (whose family income is less than Rs. 1 lakh per annum) shall get full remission of the fee.

    (iii) The other economically backward students (whose family income is between Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per annum) shall get remission of 2/3rd of the fee.

(iv)    All students shall have access to interest free loan under the Vidyalaxmi scheme  for the total portion of the tuition fee payable.

(e): No Sir.

(f): Does not arise.

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