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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Increase in cost of private education

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Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of increase in cost of private education in the country and the hardships it causes to parents and students;
(b) if so, whether Government has taken or considering any step for ensuring affordability in education; and
(c) the steps taken to boost public education in the country?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) & (b): Government continuously endeavors to make education more affordable and prevent commercialization of it. In order to make quality education more affordable and inclusive, following measures have been taken:

i.   In Under Graduate programs in Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and National Institute of Technology (NITs), students of SC/ST/PH category get complete tuition fee waiver. Also, most economically backward students whose family income is less than Rs. 1.00 lakh per annum get full tuition fee remission and students whose family income between Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per annum get 2/3rd of tuition fee remission.

ii.   All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has fixed the maximum fees that can be charged for various courses after accepting the recommendations of National Fee Committee for the maximum Tuition and Development Fee and requested all the State/UT Governments to adhere to these recommendations. These recommendations have also been included in the Approval Process Handbook of AICTE.

(c): To boost public education in the country, this Ministry has established 23 Indian Institutes of Technology; 31 National Institutes of Technology; 20 Indian Institutes of Management; 47 Central Universities; 7 India Institutes of Science Education and Research; and 25 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (20 in Public-Private-Partnership mode).

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