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Number of unfilled seats in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country

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

- (a) the number of unfilled vacant seats in undergraduate and post graduate programmes in Central Universities, affiliated colleges of Central Universities, IITs, IIMs, IISc, Bangalore & IISERs, NITs and other central institutes, institution wise, year-wise data for the last five years; and
- (b) the number of unfilled vacant seats in undergraduate and post graduate programmes in State Universities, affiliated colleges and educational institutes under the State Governments, State-wise data for the last five years?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a): The Centrally Funded Higher Educational Institutions (CFHEIs) under the Ministry of Education include Central Universities, IITs, IIITs, NITs, IIMs, IISERs, etc. which are statutory autonomous institutions established under the respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by the provisions of the Acts /Statutes/ Ordinances/Regulations made thereunder. The admission to undergraduate and post graduate programmes in CFHEIs is done through transparent centralized exams and varies for different programmes and different higher education institutes. For example, the undergraduate admission to the Central Universities is done through Common University Entrance Test (CUET); Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) conducts joint counselling and seat allocation to undergraduate programme in IITs, NITs, IIITs and some other GFTIs (Government Funded Technical Institutes); admission to postgraduate programmes in IITs is done through various means which include Common Offer Acceptance Portal (COAP), Valid Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) score, Joint Admission Test for Masters (JAM), Common Admission Test (CAT), Common Entrance Exam for Design (CEED) etc; admission to M.Tech./ M.Arch./ M.Plan. programmes in NITs and some IIITs is based on GATE

score through CCMT (Centralized Counseling); the Joint Admissions Committee (JAC) takes care of the admissions to all seven IISERs for the different BS and BS-MS programmes under the guidance of the IISER Admissions Board (IAB); admission to MBA programme of IIMs is done through the Common Admission Test (CAT). The process of seat allocation to the institutions involves multiple rounds of counseling to ensure that seats do not remain vacant.

The undergraduate and post graduate programmes offered by higher education institutes are dynamic; new courses are added and outdated courses are removed based on continuous evaluation. However, despite this, sometimes seats remain vacant for multiple reasons such as a candidate who is offered a seat may choose not to accept the offer or may withdraw after acceptance of seat due to preferences for location, programme, or institution.

(b): Education is a concurrent list subject and is the shared responsibility of the Centre and the State. The admission to undergraduate and post graduate programmes in State Universities and affiliated colleges is regulated by the respective State Acts, Statutes and Regulations framed thereunder.

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