

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 150
ANSWERED ON- 12/03/2025**

Scholarships in IIT and IISER

150 Shri Samirul Islam:

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

- (a) the number of students who received full government scholarships to study in Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISERs) across the country;
- (b) the number of students receiving scholarships for the last three years, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) the number of Indian students who are currently pursuing their PhDs in the USA and UK; and
- (d) the details thereof for the last three years?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) of RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 150 ANSWERED ON 12.03.2025 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS IN IIT AND IISER.

(a) to (b): The Government of India is committed to provide equitable access to the highest-quality education across the country to all sections of the society. To make higher education affordable in Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), relaxations in tuition fee of Under Graduate (UG) program is provided not only to the socially weaker section but also to the economically weaker section of the society. This includes complete fee waiver for SC/ST and PwD students & full remission of fee for economically weaker students (whose family income is less than Rs. 1 lakh per annum) and also 2/3rd remission of fee for other economically weaker students (whose family income is between Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh per annum). Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISERs) also provides complete tuition fee waiver to SC/ST students pursuing UG program.

The details of students who got complete tuition fee waiver in last three years in UG program in IITs and IISERs are as below:

Year	No. of students
2022-23	25,204
2023-24	27,691
2024-25	28,213

In year 2024-25, more than 37% of the students have received full waiver/ full remission and more than 10% of the students have received 2/3rd remission in tuition fee of UG program in IITs.

In addition to the above, these institutes also provide stipends and fellowships to the students pursuing Post Graduate (PG) program and PhD respectively as per the eligibility. Also the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF) through attractive fellowship as well as research grants to PhD scholars, aimed to attract the best and brightest minds to pursue high-quality research in India's premier academic institutions. Under first phase of PMRF, 3688 scholars were admitted. In addition, 10,000 fellowships have been announced under PMRF in Budget 2025-26 for technological research in IITs and IISc with enhanced financial support.

Ministry of Education (MoE) has also implemented PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme which seeks to provide financial support to meritorious students of quality Higher Educational Institutions in the form of collateral free and guarantor free education loans to cover full amount of tuition fees and other expenses related to the course. Additionally, under this scheme, for students with annual family income up to Rs 8 lakhs and who are not eligible for benefits under any other government scholarship or interest subvention schemes, 3 % interest

subvention for loan up to Rs 10 lakhs to be provided during moratorium period. Further, under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan (PM-USP) Yojana namely (i) Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship (CSSS) for College and University Students; (ii) Special Scholarship Scheme for Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh (SSS for J&K and Ladakh); and (iii) Central Sector Interest Subsidy Scheme (CSIS) are also implemented by MoE.

Ministries/ Departments, such as Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ), Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA), Department of Science & Technology (DST) etc. support students in IITs and IISERs through various schemes. Under Top Class Education Schemes, MoSJ and MoTA offers scholarships to the SC and ST students respectively in IITs and IISERs. DST run Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) scheme that has a Scholarship component for Higher Education (SHE), which aims to enhance the rate of talented youth pursuing higher education in science-intensive programs.

(c) to (d): As per the information provided by the Bureau of Immigration (BoI), the number of Indians who disclosed their purpose of visit as Study/Education while going abroad (the USA and UK) in the last three years is as below:

Year	2022	2023	2024
USA	1,90,512	2,34,473	2,04,058
UK	1,32,709	1,36,921	98,890

This is consolidated data and includes all levels of study/education.
