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Vacant Positions in NITs, IITs, Super- Speciality and Medical Institutions

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

- (a) the total number of sanctioned seats in National Institute of Technology (NITs), IITs, Super Specialties and Medical Institutions across the country, the details thereof;
- (b) the total number of seats lying vacant since last five years, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to fill these seats in the last three years?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): Thirty-one National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and twenty-three Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are functioning in the country as autonomous Institutions governed by the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research Act, 2007 and the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, respectively, and the Statutes of these Institutes framed under the respective Acts. At present, 24,992 undergraduate seats in NITs and 17,760 undergraduate seats in IITs are offered. The total number of seats offered under various programmes in these Institutes are dynamic as new courses are added and outdated courses are abolished based on continuous evaluation. In case of Medical Institutions, there are 780 medical colleges offering 1,18,190 MBBS seats. Seats in these Institutions are filled on basis of merit secured by the students in the various national level competitive examinations and subsequent counselings conducted by the designated authorities.

The entrance examination conducting authorities / Institutes conduct awareness programs and outreach initiatives to inform prospective students about the available programs and admission processes. Despite, 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 or candidates not fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria for admission, etc. To minimize vacant seats, these authorities / Institutes also conduct periodic review and analysis of admission trends to identify gaps and implement corrective measures.

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