

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO.\*497  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2018

**Fee Exemption for OBC/SC/ST**

**\*497. SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA:  
DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the ongoing struggle against withdrawal of fee exemption for Other Backward Class (OBC), Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students in the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), a publicly funded deemed university;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of the amount disbursed to TISS under various heads during the last five years, campus-wise; and
- (d) the response of the Ministry regarding alleged massive cut in fund to the Institute during the previous years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*497 FOR 02.04.2018 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SHRI R. DHRUVA NARAYANA AND DR. SANJAY JAISWAL REGARDING FEE EXEMPTION FOR OBC/SC/ST**

(a) & (b): In view of the ongoing struggle at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai, the Government has constituted a Committee consisting of representatives of University Grants Commission (UGC), Acting Director TISS, representatives from teaching community and representatives of students to examine the financial viability of the Institution and also to examine the matters such as improving the internal revenues, the concessions presently given to the students. TISS has informed that the current exemption for Course Fee, Dining Hall and Hostel Charges to eligible SC/ST students will continue under the Government of India Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme.

(c) & (d): The details of amounts released to TISS in the last five year are as under:

**(Rs in lakhs)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Non-Plan</b>	<b>Total</b>
2012-13	351.12	5602.24	5953.36
2013-14	8708.00*	4447.22	13155.22
2014-15	70.00	5544.00	5614.00
2015-16	1217.16	4302.75	5519.91
2016-17	450.00	6171.00	6621.00

\*This includes a special grant of Rs. 8065.00 lakh to TISS for construction of building in Guwahati Campus for NER Plan Budget. In addition, an amount of Rs. Rs. 94.07 lakh has been released to TISS in the last five years for "Establishment of Centre in Universities for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy".

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