

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 81
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

Increase in IIT Seats

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to increase the seats in topmost technological institute Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to deal with challenges related to basic infrastructure and faculty of new IIT institutions in the country;
- (d) whether the Government is formulating any new programme/scheme to upgrade IIT institutions as excellent research institutions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (e): Pursuant to enactment of the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act, 2019 providing for 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in civil posts and services in the Government of India and admission in Educational Institutions, it has been decided to increase the number of seats in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) over and above their annual permitted strength. In addition, based on the recommendations of the Joint Admission Board (JAB), it has also been decided to increase female enrolment in the B.Tech. programmes in IITs from 8% in 2016 to 14% in 2018-19, 17% in 2019-20 and 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats. Of the 23 IITs functioning in the country as on date, 17 are functioning from well-developed campuses, whereas the six new IITs at Jammu, Bhilai, Dharwad, Goa, Tirupati and Palakkad have been functioning from temporary campuses with necessary infrastructure. With a view to improving the overall research eco-system in these institutions, schemes such as IMPRINT, Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY), Prime Minister Research Fellow (PMRF), establishment of Research Parks, etc. have been launched by the Government.
