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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
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Admission of OBC Students in HEIs

3083.SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistical data regarding admission of students belonging to Other Backward Classes in higher educational institutions such as IITs, IIMs, NITs, other research institutions during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, institutions-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage these students to seek admissions in the above institutes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, the Institution-wise details of the admission of Other Backward Classes (OBC) students in various Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) under the purview of Ministry of Education during the last three years are available at https://www.education.gov.in/parl_ques.

(c) The Government is committed for the implementation of the reservation policy of the Government of India. In this regard, The Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 was notified in January, 2007, wherein it has been stipulated that twenty seven percent seats shall be reserved for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) in admission in Central Educational Institutions. The Government has issued instructions to the Higher Educational Institutions to ensure that reservation-related provisions of the Act passed by Parliament shall be implemented by all educational institutions in letter and spirit.

The Government has taken several steps to encourage the OBC students in Higher Education. The University Grants Commission (UGC) had been implementing the scheme of National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (OBC) formulated and funded by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment from 2014-15 to 30.09.2022. Now, the scheme is implemented by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. UGC also provides concessions to OBC students including 5 years age relaxation and fee concession in Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) National Eligibility Test (NET), relaxation of cut-off marks in NET

qualifying test in JRF NET, relaxation of 5% in minimum marks in Post Graduation for eligibility in appearing for the NET Examination.

In the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), a separate merit list of OBC candidates with different cutoff than general category students is prepared for filling the seats reserved. Further, complete fee waiver and 2/3rd fee waiver is provided to students of OBC category whose parental income is less than Rs 1 lakh and between Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh respectively, subject to submission of valid income certificates. The Ministry Of Social Justice And Empowerment (M/o SJ&E) also has a scheme under which free coaching is provided to the students belonging to the Scheduled Caste (SC) and OBC categories.

The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) provide relaxation in entrance exam (i.e. Combined Admission Test- CAT) score requirement for admission into the IIMs. Need based financial assistance is also provided to deserving students from OBC category.
