

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1646**  
ANSWERED ON-31/07/2023

**IIT Passouts going Abroad**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and the number of students passing therefrom in the country at present along with the details in this regard;
- (b) whether the IIT students go abroad after completing their education;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has any data related to the number of IIT students who have gone abroad during the last five years along with the details in this regard; and
- (d) whether it is likely to be made mandatory for IITian to render their services in India as it is in the case of medical students completing MBBS and MD courses?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) : At present, there are 23 IITs functioning in the country. The number of students passed in the year 2022-23 are 25237.

(b) to (d): The Government is committed to not only retain the students passing out of the premier educational institutions in the country, but also provide attractive educational and research opportunities to Non-Resident Indians, within the country. Under the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship scheme, an attractive fellowship of maximum of Rs. 55 lakh per scholar (including annual research grant) in five years is offered to selected students to pursue their Ph. D. in Indian Universities/ Institutions so as to retain talent in the country. The Government has also sanctioned establishment of Research Parks at IITs- Madras, Bombay, Kharagpur, Kanpur, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Gandhinagar and IISc Bangalore to augment the research ecosystem in the country. Global Initiative for Academic Network (GIAN) has also been implemented which seeks to tap the talent pool of scientists and entrepreneurs from abroad, including those of Indian origin, to augment the country's existing academic resources. The Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC), aims at improving the research ecosystem of India's higher educational institutions by facilitating academic and research collaborations between top ranked Indian Institutions and globally ranked foreign institutions, through joint research projects involving mobility of students and faculty.