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Gender Ratio in IITs

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the general overview, the Government has of the IIT, Hyderabad Zone where the best gender ratio among all IIT campuses with more than 1200 girls joining in IITs of Hyderabad, Madras, Tirupati and Palakkad this year which constitutes 26 per cent of total admissions;
- (b) whether it is true that the national average is only 19 per cent and IIT, Delhi is targeting 50:50 gender ratio;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Government to ensure that there is 50:50 gender ratio in all IITs and other National Institutions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): With a view to improve female enrolment in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), the Government had decided to increase female enrolment in the B.Tech. programmes of IITs from 8% to 14% in 2018-19, 17% in 2019-20 and 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats. Accordingly, the female enrolment in IITs for B. Tech. Programmes was achieved as 15.3% in 2018-19, 18% in 2019-20 and 19.8% in 2020-21.

As per Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced) 2023- Joint Implementation Committee (JIC) Report, 26.26% seats allocated to the female candidates in IIT Hyderabad Zone (IIT Madras, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Tirupati, IIT Palakkad), while 19.73% seats were allocated to the female candidates across the 23 IITs.

Further, various Institutions have taken steps for further improving the gender ratio, which include special scholarships for female students, special open house outreach programmes for female high school students to encourage them towards Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), counselling activities for JEE (Advanced) qualified female students, etc.