

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3385
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

Female Participation in Higher Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to increase the number of female teachers in higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note that special efforts need to be made by the premier institutions to increase the participation of women students in higher education;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) & (b): It is endeavor of Ministry of Education to increase the number of female teachers in Higher Education. As per the AISHE Report 2019-20, there is an increase of 7.57% in Female Teachers since 2015-16 in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

(c) to (e): With a view to improving female enrolment in the B.Tech Programmes in IITs, a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director, IIT-Mandi was constituted by the Joint Admission Board (JAB) to suggest suitable measures. The recommendations of the Committee were considered by the IIT Council in its 51st meeting held on 28.04.2017 and decided to increase female enrolment from 8% in 2016 to 14% in 2018-19, 17% in 2019-20 and 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats. To implement the above decision, 800 supernumerary seats were created in the year 2018-19, 1122 seats in 2019-20 and 1583 in 20-21. The female enrolment in B. Tech. programmes of IITs have been increased to 19.83% in 2020-21 in comparison to 17.78% and 15.58 % in year 2019-20 and 2018-19 respectively.
