GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

Dropout Rate in Universities/IITs/IIMs

3977. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Other Backward Class, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe students drop out in all Central Universities, Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) from 2014 to 2020;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any study in regard to the reasons of high dropout rate of OBC, SC, ST students in these higher educational institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c)   The data of dropped out students of Other Backward Class, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe category of Central Universities is not maintained centrally. However as per available records, the number of drop out students from 2014 to 2020 in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are as under:

S.No.	Institute	No. of Students Drop out		
		OBC	SC	ST
1.	Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)*	180	190	110
2.	Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)	132	109	80

*(for the year 2016-2020)

The drop out/withdrawn is mainly on account of securing seat by the students in other departments / institutions of their choice or on any personal ground. The Government has taken various steps for the welfare of SC/ST students to pursue their higher education such as schemes of 'waiver of tuition fees in IITs', grant of national scholarships under Central Sector Scheme, scholarships in Institutes etc.

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