

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1839
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF RESERVATION IN PHD COURSES

1839 SHRI S VENKATESAN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: -

(a) the number of ST students admitted in PhD programmes of IITs during the last two academic years, institution-wise; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government to ensure strict implementation of reservation in PhD courses of IITs, if any?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the scheme of National Fellowship for ST students since 2017-18. There are 750 slots every year for fellowships for M.Phil/M.Phil +PhD/Ph.D. The students are selected by merit based on marks obtained by them in Post graduation.

In order to promote intake of ST students in IITs, the Ministry has done away with requirement of minimum 55% marks at the final examination/grading at PG level for students who have got offer of admission in IITs/AIIMS/IIMs/IISER. They are out rightly eligible for scholarship without any merit requirement. The measure was taken to incentivize students for pursuing Ph.D courses in premier institutes including IITs. The Institute wise details of students selected in IITs under Fellowship Scheme of the Ministry is as under:

Sl.No.	Name of the Institutes	No. of students selected in IITS for Ph.D course						
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2022-23	2023-24	Grand Total
1	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi					1	1*	2
2	Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur	4						4
3	Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar			4				4
4	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati			2	3	1		6
5	Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad		4					4
6	Indian Institute of Technology, Indore					1		1
7	Indian Institute of Technology, Powai, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400076							1
	Grand Total	4	4	6	3	3	1	21

- Student preferred to avail other scholarship from IIT, Delhi.

Besides this, as informed by Ministry of Education, a total of 137 and 163 students of ST category were admitted into IITs in the Academic Year 2022-23 and 2023-24 respectively. Further IITs have taken various steps to fill up their PhD seats for SC/ST students that include age relaxation; relaxation in minimum qualifying marks; exemption of tuition fee & subsidized application fee for SC/ST students; shortlisting more PhD applicants against the number of reserved category seats available for PhD admission to ensure that enough applications are available for admission under reserved categories; wide publicity to attract more applications on various platforms including social media, newspapers, websites, etc.
