

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 924  
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**Reservation to STs in IITs**

**924. Shri S Venkatesan:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number and percentage of ST candidates got admissions in IITs during the last academic year, institute and course-wise;
- (b) the number of such students got admission through General category; and
- (c) the details of the mechanisms devised by the Government to ensure filling up of seats reserved for STs and for admissions over and above the reserved seats through general category?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): The total number of seats allotted in admission cycle 2024-25 in IITs for undergraduate programme was 17695, out of which seats allocated to ST students were 1336, which is 7.55% of the total allotment. Two students have taken admission under the General Category seats, one of them through open and other through open-PwD as allotment category.

Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) is the body responsible for counselling and seat allocation to IITs based on the candidates' JEE (Advanced) rank. The process of counselling is centralized and seat allocation is done through an online computerized process governed by notified Business Rules. This counselling process follows the Reservation Policies as mandated by the Government of India.

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