

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**LOK SABHA
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NIRF Ranking of IISER Kolkata

1087. Shri Jagannath Sarkar:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for the drop in ranking of Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata from 43rd in 2023 to 61st in 2024 as per National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF);
- (b) the details of the sanctioned intake capacity and actual enrollment for UG and PG programmes in IISER Kolkata during the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government has any data of placement and higher studies of IISER Kolkata graduates, including salaries and students pursuing higher studies during last five years;
- (d) the number of students enrolled and completed graduation from Ph.D. programmes at IISER Kolkata during last five years; and
- (e) the number of sanctioned strength and current faculty members and the reasons for changes during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata is one of the seven IISERs that have been envisaged and established as premier institutions to impart education and research in the field of basic sciences. All the IISERs have been declared as Institutes of National Importance. In the last five years, from 2019 to 2023, IISER Kolkata has been ranked in the top 50 in the overall NIRF ranking and in the top 40 in the Research category. In the overall rankings for 2024, the institute has improved its score on the Peer Perception parameter over 2023, reflecting a positive outlook amongst the academic peers and employers.

(b) to (e) The total student strength as on date under the UG, PG and Ph.D. programmes in IISER Kolkata is 1825. The sanctioned faculty strength for the institute is 162, out of which 127 are in position. Further, during the last five years, 289 Ph.D. students have graduated from the institute. IISERs being research institutes, majority of the students opt for higher studies.
