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Enrollment of SC/ST Students in IIMs

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of the student belonging to the General, most Backward Classes as well as Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) enrolled in the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) during the last ten years;

(b) whether the number of SC/ST student in the IIMs is very low despite the fact that IIMs have been following reservations policy laid by the Government in principle for the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the poor implementation of the reservation policy;

(d) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance for students belonging to the SC/ST to enable them to get admission in the IIMs during the said period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a): During the years 2015-16 to 2024-25, a total of 65,978 students took admission in the IIMs. Of them, 31,122 were general, 17,184 were from Other backward Classes (OBCs), 9,721 were from the Scheduled castes (SC) and 4,140 were from the Scheduled tribes (ST).

(b) & (c): During the years 2022-23 to 2024-25, a total 27,165 students were admitted in IIMs. Of them, 3,960 and 1,685 students were from the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes respectively. The IIMs follow the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act 2006.

(d) & (e): The students from the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes communities taking admission in the IIMs avail different scholarships provided to them by the central and state governments as per extant scheme guidelines of these scholarships. In addition, the Government of India has launched the PM-Vidyalaxmi scheme to provide collateral-free and guarantee-free education loans to students who take admission in quality Higher Education Institutions, including all the IIMs. Some of the scholarship schemes of the government of India which can be availed by students of IIMs including the students belonging to the Scheduled Cases and Scheduled Tribes as per extant scheme guidelines are:

- Post matric Scholarship Scheme for ST,
- National Scholarship for Higher Education (Top Class Scholarship) of ST students,
- Merit cum Means Based Scholarship for Students Belonging to the Minority Communities,
- Post Matric Scholarship Scheme for SC,
- Top Class Scholarship for SC Students,
- AICTE SAKSHAM scholarship scheme,
- AICTE PRAGATI scholarship scheme,
- AICTE SWANATH scholarship scheme,
- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarship for College and University Students
