

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Pursuant to the decision taken by the Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), in its 43rd meeting held on 14.09.2011, an Empowered Task Force headed by Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Board of Governors, NT-Bombay, had been constituted for the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee on "Taking IITs to Excellence and Greater Relevance," which *inter-aila* includes revision of fee for IIT students. Based on the recommendations of the Group of Directors of the IITs and the Standing Committee of the IIT Council, the Council of the IITs, in its 46th meeting, held on 07.01.2013, decided to revise the existing fees in respect of the Under-Graduate (UG) students of IITs from Rs. 50,000 per annum to Rs. 90,000 per annum from the academic year of 2013-14. The fee structure would be reviewed every year. The present increase in the annual fees of the UG students of IITs has come after the last increase in 2008-09 from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000.

(c) to (e) The SC/ST students are exempted from payment of tuition fees irrespective of their parental income. They are also entitled to travelling allowance (II class train fare/ordinary bus fare) from the place of residence to the Institute to join the B.Tech. programme. The SC/ST students admitted to the B.Tech. and Dual Degree programmes are given free book bank facilities and those whose parental income is below Rs. 4.50 lakhs per annum, are entitled to free hostel seat rent, basic messing and pocket allowance of Rs. 250 per month.

The students (other than SC/ST categories), upto 25% of intake strength whose annual parental income is less than Rs. 4.50 lakhs, are exempted from payment of tuition fee and are paid a stipend of Rs. 1000 per month for ten months in an academic year.

Shortage of trained teachers

†2868. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of trained teachers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether Government proposes to open training institutes at central level to fill the gap; and

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(c) if not, the manner in which the shortage of trained teachers would be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have sought relaxation from the minimum qualifications required for appointment as a teacher, due to the non-availability of teachers possessing minimum qualifications as laid down by the National Council for Teacher Education, under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009.

To address this issue, the Government has sanctioned a Rs. 6308 crore project to strengthen Teacher Education in the Country during the Twelfth Plan. The main components of the revised Scheme are the setting up of new District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) Colleges of Teacher Education (CTEs) and Institutes of Advance Study in Education (LASEs) as well as strengthening of existing DIETs, CTEs and LASEs. The Scheme also envisage establishment of Block Institutes of Teacher Education (BITEs) in 196 identified SC/ST Minority concentration districts as elementary pre-service teacher education institutions.

In addition, NCTE has given permission to respective State Governments for training the 5,09,736 in-service untrained teachers through distance mode.

Establishment of new educational institutions

2869. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans to constitute any new central educational institutions like IIT, IIIT, IEST in the country, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Distance education programme by universities

2870. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: