

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of test results of mid day meal samples during the last five years; and
- (d) the steps Government is planning to ensure the continuous supply of quality foods to school children?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The Mid Day Meal Guidelines provide for engagement of accredited labs by the State Governments for testing of the meals served in the schools. Two States viz. Delhi and Punjab have engaged accredited laboratories for testing of meals samples. The Central Government has requested other States also to conduct testing of meals through accredited labs. The Government of NCT Delhi has reported that 2244 meal samples have been tested since 2010.

- (d) The Government has taken following steps to ensure quality meals to the children:
- (i) Upward revision of cooking cost by 7.5% every year from 2010.
 - (ii) Engagement of cook-cum-helpers with an honorarium of ₹ 1000 per month to each cook-cum-helper.
 - (iii) Revision of norms for construction of kitchen-cum-stores for safe storage and preparation of meals in a hygienic environment.
 - (iv) Training to cook-cum-helpers by the States on safety, quality and hygiene.
 - (v) Instructions to States for procurement of Agmark quality and branded items.
 - (vi) Tasting of meals by 2-3 adults including at least one teacher.

B. Tech seats in Delhi

1575. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of seats available in B.Tech in various universities in Delhi, at present and the number of seats available in each university;
- (b) whether the seats available are meager compared to the population of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government is proposing to increase the number of seats during the next year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that four Universities and one Deemed to be University in Delhi, are offering B. Tech. programmes. The university-wise breakup of intake capacity in B.Tech. courses in Universities and Deemed to be Universities in Delhi is as under:

Name of University	Intake
Delhi Technological University, Delhi	1713
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi	5995*
Jamia Hamdard University	120
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	700
University of Delhi, Delhi	40
TOTAL	8568

* includes colleges intake

(b) to (e) In addition to the above-mentioned seats, B.Tech. Programme is also being offered in Delhi by Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi; National Institute of Technology, Delhi; School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi; and Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has informed that the overall availability of seats in B.Tech. courses may be meager in comparison to the population of Delhi. However, the National Capital Region (NCR) is having sufficient number of Engineering Colleges located in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan to accommodate students from Delhi.

Programme for meritorious students

1576.SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government on the Central Board of Secondary Education has held a programme to felicitate meritorious students;