

(c) and (d) While there is no instructions with regard to conduct of pre-board examination from the Board's side, yet instances came to notice of the Board through mails as well as telephonic queries from the parents stating that the admit card of their ward(s) were being held up on the ground of some pretext such as poor performance in the pre-board test as well as school dues, etc. The Board took the cognizance of such instances and these were resolved by issuing the Advisory on 23.02.2018.

Ghost Teachers

4399. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 80,000 teachers seem to be ghost entities intended to falsely puff up the teaching rolls of colleges and universities, as revealed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these ghost teachers have been indemnified in some State Universities and private ones;

(d) whether none of these teachers was from Central Universities; and

(e) whether Government is proposing to take action against the State and private universities and colleges on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (e) This Ministry has, for the first time, collected details of individual teachers of institutions of Higher Education, through the recently concluded All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2016-17, for the Gurujan Portal. Data in respect of a total of 12.68 lakh teachers, with Aadhaar Number has been collected in AISHE 2016-17. As per Gurujan Portal (gurujan.gov.in), 85708 Aadhaar numbers are found to be either duplicate or invalid. These cases would be further verified with UIDAI and the institution concerned before finalising the action to be taken in each case.

Admission of women in IITs

4400. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of women admitted in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) is very low;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of women admitted in IITs during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government is taking any steps to improve the percentage of admissions of women in IITs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) The enrolment of girl students in B.Tech. Programme in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) during the last three years is as under:—

	2015	2016	2017
IITs	900 (9.0%)	847 (8.0%)	995 (9.15%)

The low enrolment of female students in IITs was reviewed by a Committee constituted by the Joint Admission Board (JAB) and on the recommendations of the Committee, it has been decided to increase female enrolment in IITs from 8% in 2016 to 14% in 2018-19, 17% in 2019-20 and 20% in 2020-21 by creating supernumerary seats. Reservation for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Physically Handicapped (PH) categories will be applicable in the supernumerary seats in the same manner as for the sanctioned seats.

Promotion of e-learning

†4401. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that open schools and university institutions are considering to promote the system of e-learning *i.e.* learning through electronic media along with correspondence courses, as access to education has become difficult in a country like India where the population is huge and drop out rate among school children is very high and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of amount spent on e-learning during the last three years, State-wise, including Maharashtra; and

(c) whether Government is considering to launch e-learning in all the universities of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has launched many schemes for promoting e-learning across students in schools and Universities. The key e-learning initiatives run by MHRD are as follows:—

- (i) **SWAYAM:** The ‘Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds’ (SWAYAM) an integrated platform for online courses, using Information

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.