

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2608
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2021**

Equal Opportunity Cells in IITs

2608. Shri K. Somaprasad:

Will the Minister of ***Education*** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has issued any direction/guidelines for constituting SC/ST/OBC Cells or Equal Opportunity Cells in the IITs, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any IITs have set up SC/ST/OBC Cells or Equal Opportunity Cells in their campus, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any of the IITs have set up the Special Academic Support Programs to help with the academic deficiencies of their students especially those belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories, if so, the details therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) & (b): IITs have set up cells for the welfare and redress the grievances of SC/ST/OBC, which includes Equal Opportunity Cells, appointment of Liaison Officers, Liaison Committee etc.
- (c) IITs conduct various programs such as mentorship programmes, preparatory courses for admission through JEE (advanced), summer term courses, extended duration of courses, faculty advisors programme etc. for academically underperforming students including those belonging to SC, ST and OBC categories.
