

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON - 12/03/2025

ADMISSION OF SC AND ST STUDENTS IN IIM, BENGALURU

1571. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:-

- (a) the year-wise details regarding the number of SC and ST students admitted in IIM Bengaluru (IIMB) during the last five years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that despite IIMB following Government-mandated reservations for the last few years, the number of SC and ST students in the college is abysmally low;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the poor implementation of the scheme; and
- (d) whether Government has provided any financial aid to SC and ST students to aid their admission in premier colleges during the last five years, if so, details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)

(a) The number of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) students admitted in IIM, Bengaluru (IIMB) during the last five years is as under:

Year	Total no. of students admitted	No. of SC students admitted	No. of ST students admitted	% of SC students	% of ST students
2024-25	629	86	45	13.67	7.15
2023-24	620	91	46	14.68	7.42
2022-23	496	73	36	14.72	7.26
2021-22	508	69	36	13.58	7.09
2020-21	505	73	36	14.46	7.13

(b) & (c) The details of the above table indicates that the number of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes(ST) students admitted, is close to constitutionally mandated reservation for SC and ST category of 15% and 7.5% respectively.

(d) Under the Scheme of “Free Coaching for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Beneficiaries of PM CARES Children”, financial assistance is provided to candidates of Scheduled Castes category for preparation of Entrance Examinations such as IIT-JEE, NEET, CAT, CLAT etc. for admission in premier colleges. The Physical and Financial achievements of the Scheme in last five years are as under:

Financial Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Crores)	No. of beneficiaries
2019-20	13.26	1,345
2020-21	11.96	2,112
2021-22	14.98	1,761
2022-23	18.41	558
2023-24	7.76	223

At present, there is no such Scheme is available for Scheduled Tribes Students.
