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DROPOUT OF STUDENTS IN CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES, IITs, IIMs AND NLUs

188. SHRI RITESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any assessment to estimate the total number of students who have dropped out of Central Universities, IITs, IIMs and NLUs during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, University/Institution/State/UT- wise;
- (b) the proportion of Other Backward Class, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe student dropouts in these Higher Education Institutes in the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to understand the causes behind high dropout rates amongst OBC, SC, and ST students in these Higher Education Institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (d) : In the Higher Education sector students have multiple options and they choose to migrate across institutions and from one course/programme to another in the same institution. The migration/withdrawal if any, is mainly on account of securing seat by the students in other departments / institutions of their choice or on any personal ground. The number of drop out students during the last five years in Central Universities (CUs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in various courses are as under:

S.No.	Institutes	No. of Students Drop out		
		OBC	SC	ST
1	Central Universities (CUs)	4596	2424	2622
2	Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)	2066	1068	408
3	Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs)	163	188	91

NLUs have been established under the Acts enacted by the respective State Legislatures and as such they are the State Universities. No such data on dropout students of NLUs is maintained by the Central Government.

The Government has taken various steps like fee reduction, establishment of more institutes, scholarship, priority access to national level scholarships to aid the students with poor financial

backgrounds to pursue their education. For the welfare of SC/ST students the schemes like 'waiver of tuition fees in IITs', grant of national scholarships under Central Sector Scheme, scholarships in Institutes etc. are also there.

In order to proactively address any issues of SC/ST students, Institutes have set up mechanisms such as SC/ST students' cells, Equal Opportunity Cell, Student Grievance Cell, Student Grievance Committee, Students Social Club, Liaison officers, Liaison Committee etc. Further, University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued instructions from time to time for promoting equity and fraternity amongst students.
