

‘Seats in colleges, univs to go up by 25% to implement 10% quota’

EWS Quota Benefits To Start In 2019: Javadekar

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Government colleges, universities and technical institutions will increase seats by 25% to accommodate the 10% quota for students from economically weaker sections (EWS) of the general category from this year. Delhi University could see the maximum jump in the number of seats considering that it has 70 affiliated colleges, sources said.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of an event on Wednesday, human resources development minister Prakash Javadekar said, “All poor students will get 10% reservation in getting admission in higher educational institutions. We have started the process for implementation and in one week all circulars will be out. Starting from this year in all colleges and universities and other IIT, IIIT, NIT and central universities, 10% reservation will be there. There will be no impact on students coming from other categories. There will be an overall increase of around 25% admission.”

Though the minister on Tuesday had said the reservation norm will be applicable for all institutes including the private ones, officials remained tight-lipped how this will be implemented in private unaided institutions. Sources said the norms and procedures for this will be out soon.

On Tuesday, Javadekar had said the 10% EWS quota will be implemented in the academic year 2019-20 itself in 40,000 colleges and 900 universities, without impacting the existing quotas for SCs, STs and OBCs and general seats.

“While University Grants Commission (UGC) will issue an office memorandum for implementation of the decision to institutions under its jurisdiction, the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) will issue circulars for the technical institutions affiliated to it,” said an official.

Sources said there are about four crore seats for higher education in the country and increasing the additional intake would depend on how many students the institutes admit and not just based on their total strength.



Cabinet OKs ₹3.6k cr for new central varsities

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved about Rs 3,640 crore for additional expenditure for next three years on infrastructure in 13 central universities being set up. These universities were established

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under the Central Universities Act in Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. “The Cabinet has also given ex-post facto approval for Rs 1,474.65 crore being the amount spent over and above the earlier cabinet approval of Rs 3,000 crore for these Central universities,” Union minister Piyush Goyal said. He

added the move will increase access to higher education and set exemplary standards for other universities to emulate and will help in minimising the regional imbalances in educational facilities.

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