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Title:Need to pay attention to drop out problems plaguing IITs and NITs.

**SHRI JAYADEV GALLA (GUNTUR):** IITs are premium national institutes. Creamy and meritorious students make it to IITs to pursue their career. But, in the last 3-4 years, there is sharp increase in drop out rate of students from IITs. The rate of drop out is increasing year-after-year. In 2012-13 and it registered all time high 757 in 2014-15. Highest drop out rate is in Roorkee in 2013-14 it was 188 and went up to 228 in 2014-15. The worrying factor is that a relatively new IIT, Hyderabad has also registered dropout rate of more than 100% between 2013.14 (15 dropouts) and 2014-15 (39 dropouts). The situation is no better in NITs either. More than 2350 dropped out from NITs between 2012 and 2015.

I understand, one of the main reasons, as per one survey conducted, is most of the students study engineering due to parental push resulting in inability of students to cope with academic pressure.

So, I request HRD Ministry to give counselling to parents at the time of admission, to take special care of those students whose performance, after entering into IIT or NIT, is not up to the mark and follow the pattern of IIT, Madras and Kanpur where there are only 8 dropouts during the above period.