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Seats in edu institutions to rise by 25% to provide quota

EWS Quota Will Be Implemented In 2019-20, Says Javadekar

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New Delhi: Government colleges, universities and technical institutions will increase seats by 25% to accommodate the 10% reservation 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."

He added: "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 in-

The quota will be implemented in 40,000 colleges and 900 varsities. Delhi University could see the maximum jump in the number of seats, the sources said

crease 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 circulars for the technical institutions affiliated to it," said an official. Sources said there are about four crore seats for higher education in India and increasing the additional intake would depend on how many students the institutes admit.