

Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics

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Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to refer to the last para at page 2 of the Report of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research for 1956-57 and lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the number of Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics since established in the country;

(b) the number of students admitted in each of them;

(c) the number of additional seats provided in the existing institutions in 1957 for diploma and degree courses respectively; and

(d) whether this has met the present requirements of the Second Five Year Plan for technical personnel?

The Deputy Minister of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. M. M. Das): (a) and (b). The question of establishment of additional engineering colleges and polytechnics for meeting the requirements of technical personnel not only for the current plan but for the third and subsequent plans is under consideration. However, 6 colleges and 17 polytechnics provided for in the Second Five Year Plans of State Governments have been established so far, as also 4 colleges and 6 polytechnics by private enterprise.

(c) Courses	Additional seats provided
Degree	2096
Diploma	3399

(d) If all schemes of technical education approved so far are implemented fully, the additional training faci-

lities recommended by the Engineering Personnel Committee will become available.

Dredgers for Navy

1780. Shri D. C. Sharma: Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy has acquired any dredgers;

(b) if so, the number of dredgers acquired;

(c) at what cost; and

(d) from which country?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Shri Raghuramiah): (a) Yes, a Suction Hopper Dredger named I.N.S. "SHANKH".

(b) One.

(c) Rs. 35.58 lakhs.

(d) West Germany.

Aid to Punjab for Flood Relief

1781. Shri Ajit Singh Sarhadi: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the amount allocated to Punjab during 1956-57 and 1957-58 for relief work due to floods?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): This Ministry was not approached for any financial assistance towards relief work due to floods in 1956-57 or 1957-58. But the following amounts of loans and grants were given to Punjab, including the former State of Pepsu, as reimbursement towards the expenditure on relief operations in connection with the floods that occurred in October, 1955.

Year	of	Loans	Grants
sanction		Rs.	Rs.
1956-57		35.30 lakhs	66.75 lakhs.