

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to form a separate University Grants Commission (UGC) for technical institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme for financing upgradation of technical education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) grants financial assistance under various schemes such as Research Promotion, Modernization and Removal of Obsolescence, Industry Institute Partnership, National Facility in Engineering and Technology with Industrial Collaboration, National Co-ordinated Projects, Entrepreneurship Management Development, Quality Improvement Programme, Early Faculty Induction Programme, Faculty Development Programmes, Emeritus Fellowship, Visiting Professorship, Career Award Scheme, Seminar, Symposia and Workshops, International Travel Grants, Distinguished Visiting Professorship, National Doctoral Fellowship. The seven Indian Institutes of Technology are acting as nucleus to provide leadership role for improvement of quality of technical education system in the respective region. The Government has also upgraded the erstwhile Regional Engineering Colleges and converted them into National Institutes of Technology with Deemed University status and fully funded institutions of the Central Government. A programme for improvement of Quality of Technical Education in the country namely Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India has been launched.