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LOK SABHA**

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ENGINEERING COLLEGES

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

- (a) whether there is no uniformity in availability of engineering colleges for higher studies in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the majority of engineering colleges in the country are located in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of engineering colleges in each State/Union Territory at present; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to have uniformity in the availability of engineering colleges in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Engineering Colleges are set up by the State Government and through private enterprise after approval of the All India Council for Technical (AICTE). Since the decision of setting up the institutions rests either with the State Government or the self-financed institutions, there is no uniformity in the availability of engineering colleges.

(e): The number of engineering colleges in each State/Union Territory is at Annexure.

(f) For removing regional imbalance, the AICTE has allowed establishment of new Engineering Institutions with at least three conventional branches as a mandatory requirement in the States where the number of seats available in engineering colleges per lakh of population is more than the All India average, whereas in the States where the number of seats available in engineering colleges per lakh of population is less than the all India average, no such restriction is applicable.