

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to promote technical education;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made as a result thereof so far; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. As per the information received from All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the various steps taken by the Council for promoting the technical education are as follows :

(i) Applications for opening new institutions are accepted round the year.(ii) New Institutes can now start with enhanced intake capacity for more economic viability. (iii) Upto 5 Under Graduate (UG) courses and / or divisions with intake of 300 is granted to new engineering and technical institutions. (iv) Upto 2 UG courses and /or divisions with intake of 120 is granted to new technical institutions other than engineering.(v) AICTE approval is granted for establishing stand alone Post Graduate (PG) institutions. (vi) Upto 2 courses/ programmes at any level per shift may be granted on self disclosure basis if facilities are available for institution which has completed one batch.(vii) Upto one course/programme any level per shift may be granted on self disclosure basis if facilities are available for institution yet to complete one batch. (viii) One course/programme at any level per shift may be additionally granted if the institution is accredited. (ix) Approval is granted for 2nd shift to increase utilization of infrastructure at the institutes with additional intake. (x) Additional division (60 seats) is granted for lateral entry of diploma holders in degree programmes in Engineering. (xi) Different institutions established by same society/ trust/Government running same or different programmes can be integrated to increase the seats of various courses of engineering.

(xii) Land and building norms for the grant of approval to establish new technical institutions has been modified maintaining the quality of education for enhancing participation and increasing the number of seats.

Also a Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) was conceived and designed as a long term project to be implemented 10-12 years in 3 phases to support excellence and transformation in Technical Education in the country. TEQIP Phase-I was implemented with the assistance of World Bank as a centrally coordinated Central and State Sector Project with a total cost of Rs. 1339 crore. Out of this Rs. 306 crore was Central Component and the remaining Rs. 1033 crore was State Component. The Program became effective in March, 2003 and the closing date of the program was 31st march, 2009.

Also under the scheme of "Sub-mission on Polytechnics under coordinated Action for Skill Development" this Ministry provides one time financial assistance of Rs. 12.30 crore per polytechnic to the State / UT governments for setting up of 300 new polytechnics in unserved and underserved districts of the country subject to State/ UT Government providing free of cost land, meeting 100 % recurring expenditure and also non-recurring expenditure beyond Rs. 12.30 crore, if any. So far, financial assistance has been provided to various state/UT governments for setting up of new polytechnics in 252 districts.

Also during the XI Five Year Plan, 8 new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 7 new Indian Institutes of Managements (IIMs) (the IIMs at Udaipur (Rajasthan) & Kashipur (Uttarakhand) will commence from the academic year 2011-12), 10 National Institutes of Technology (NITs), 3 Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) and 2 School of Planning and Architecture have been set up. In addition, Government has already approved for setting up of 20 Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIITs) under PPP mode for promotion of technical education.

(c) & (d): AICTE has opened its web portal from 30.12.2010 to 13.03.2011 for online submission of proposals for opening of new institutions with different courses in engineering for academic year 2011-12. The applications so received will then be processed as per process defined under Approval Process Handbook 2011-12 and approval will be granted to the suitable proposals complying with the AICTE norms before the commencement of the Academic year 2011-12.