

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has received a number of proposals from the State Governments not to accept proposals for starting new engineering colleges in those particular States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether about 2 lakh seats remained vacant in the year 2011-12 despite AICTE relaxing admission norms;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the reasons for granting en masse approval for opening engineering colleges in the States by AICTE;
- (f) whether these seats remained vacant especially in rural areas; and
- (g) if so, the future strategy chalked out by AICTE in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) to (b): Yes Sir. As per the information given by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the council has received request from state Governments of Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Maharashtra for starting new engineering college.
- (c) to (g) The admission to the professional colleges under various categories are being done through Competent Authority of the State Government, notified for admission. The different State Governments have respective reservation policy and AICTE has no role to play in State counseling conducted for the admission. AICTE only grants approval for setting up of new technical institutions under the provision of Clause 10(k) of AICTE Act, 1987 on the basis of application submitted by Society/Trust/Companies registered under section 25 of Companies Act, 1956/Central Government/State Government etc.