

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that 6.5 lakh engineering graduates pass out from colleges every year, only 25 per cent are employable and nearly two-thirds need to be re-skilled to get jobs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in an effort to improve the students' employability, technical institutions, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) are resorting to external employability tests to help the students to select their career paths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : The data on employability of engineering graduates are not maintained in the Ministry. There is no proposal to resort to external employability test in the Ministry for improving student's employability from technical education including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs). However, the Finishing School programme by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with the objective of enhancing the employability of engineering graduates are being done by the institutions. The AICTE has constituted a committee to redesign the programme of Finishing School for further enhancing the employability engineering graduates.

Keeping in view the requirement of the industry and to enhance the employability of graduates, AICTE has also developed the model curriculum of Engineering, Management, Pharmacy, Architecture and Town Planning courses at degree and diploma level.