## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL COLLEGES
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## Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more technical/professional colleges of both undergraduates and post graduates have been closed down in 2011 as compared to a decade ago;
- (b) if so, the details of the number of technical/professional college that have been closed since 2011, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has studied the reaction for their closure;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue;
- (f) whether the Government is contemplating to permit setting up of new professional colleges in the country; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) to (g): Yes, Sir. The list of closure of the Technical/Professional institutions state-wise is at Annexure. The closure may be due to lack of admission, which may be because of location (rural), poor interaction with industries, poor infrastructure, etc. However, in the Year 2011-12, 140 institutes were closed and 540 new institutes were opened. Similarly in the Year 2012-13, 79 institutes were closed and 210 new institutes were opened.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has requested the State Governments to prepare prospective plans for the development of Technical Education in the respective States. AICTE has not yet received such prospective plans from any of the State Governments.