

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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APPLICATIONS FOR NEW INSTITUTES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per the All India Council for Technical Education, applications for new institutions have come down from 3,200 in 2009-10 to 689 in 2012-13;
- (b) if so, the reasons behind the 80 per cent decrease in the number of applications;
- (c) whether the technical education sector has reached its saturation point in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the country still requires 1,000 more institutions to achieve gross enrolment ratio of 30 per cent in higher education; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : The number of new Institutes being set up every year has been coming down.
- (b) : The reasons for the decrease in the number of applications received for setting up new Technical Institutes are the reduced demand in some branches like Instrumentation, IT, Production and Bio-Technology.
- (c) & (d): At the current supply level of the students in XIth standard and available seats we could reach a saturation point for branches like Instrumentation, IT, Production etc. However, since the perception is that branches like Civil/Electrical/Mechanical are highly employment oriented, the demand for these seats is high even today.
- (e) & (f): A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) has been envisioned by the Ministry during the XIth Plan to incentivize State Governments to set up new institutions and expand existing ones to achieve a gross enrolment ratio of 30 per cent by 2020 in Higher Education. However, the XIth Plan has not yet been approved.