

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGINEERING STUDENTS

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

- (a) whether according to a joint survey conducted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), only one in every five established engineering colleges is in synergy with industry in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the said survey and the reaction of the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to provide employment opportunities to the engineering students?

Answer

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

- (a) : No, Sir. It cannot be concluded that one in every five engineering colleges is in synergy with industry in the country. A total of only 156 out of 1070 eligible Engineering Colleges have participated in the joint survey conducted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to map the industry linkages of engineering institutes across six streams of engineering- Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Electronics & Communication, Chemical and Computer & IT.
- (b) : The survey found that 30% of the institutes were having a good industry interaction and industry initiatives, 60% are moderately involved in Industry-Institute interaction and 10% of the institutes probably require a lot more interaction.
- (c) : The AICTE has revised the finishing school programme, which had been renamed as the Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP) for students of technical institutions with the objective of enhancing their employability.