

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

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ENGINEERING STUDY IN DISTANCE MODE
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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 proposed to allow engineering study in distance mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure the quality of such education?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) On the basis of the directions issued by the Ministry, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has formed a committee headed by Prof. Sanjay Govind Dhande, former Director of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur to frame guidelines for Technical Education in Distance mode. The committee has submitted an interim report on technical education distance mode, which was placed in the 79th Executive Committee Meeting of the AICTE held in December, 2012. The Executive Committee has deliberated on the interim report. The Dhande Committee is going to meet further on 22.3.2013 for the course of action to be finalized.