

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

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MARKET DEMAND FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a growing gap between the demand of the market and the education skills that universities offer is spawning a generation of overqualified but under employed youth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the majority of the country's graduates are not equipped for jobs befitting their qualifications and the inferior education especially in private engineering institution is the main reason of this problem;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to tackle this situation?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : No study has been conducted in this regard by the Government.

(e): The Government has issued a notification regarding implementation of National Vocational Education Qualifications Framework (NVEQF), to provide(i) national principles for providing Vocational Education (VE) leading to international equivalency(ii) multiple entry and exit between VE, general education and job markets,(iii) progression within VE, (iv) transfer between VE and general education, and(v) partnership with industry/employers.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has introduced an Employability Enhancement Training Programme (EETP) with the objective of enhancing the employability of engineering graduates and to make more manpower available with increased soft skills. To meet the requirements of industry and to enhance the employability of graduates, the AICTE has also developed a model curriculum of management, pharmacy, architecture and town planning courses at the degree level and engineering courses at the diploma level. The AICTE has also notified a regulation under the National Employability Enhancement Mission (NEEM) to offer on-the-job practical training to enhance the employability of a person either pursuing graduation/diploma in any technical or non-technical stream or have discontinued studies of degree or diploma course, to increase their employability.