

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

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AMCAT REPORT ON INDIAN GRADUATES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report of Aspiring Minds Computer Adoptive Test (AMCAT), about 47 per cent Indian graduates who receive degree after three years study, are unemployable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): The Aspiring Minds is a website run by a private organisation. It has reportedly conducted some tests and published some results on its website. These findings are neither validated nor approved by the Government. The Government has created the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) for detailed surveys relating to Indian society and economy.

(c): The universities and regulatory bodies such as University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) are striving to constantly enhance the employability of graduates in the higher education system. An increased emphasis has been placed on academia-industry inter-action to ensure that academic institutions are sensitized to the needs and expectations of employers.

The AICTE has also notified its Grant of Approval for conducting Vocational Education Program, Community College courses and Skill Knowledge Providers under NVEQF Regulations, 2012. The above skill framework addresses the problems of skilled manpower and youth unemployment.

The UGC has also notified a Bachelor of Vocation degree (B. Voc). The framework provides multiple pathways and exit options after every certificate level so that a student can opt to drop out at any certificate level and be employed at a certain job role within a sector and come back into education if he/she so desires. The UGC is implementing a scheme of "Career Oriented Courses in Universities and Colleges under which it provides financial assistance to Universities / Colleges for the introduction of career oriented courses at the certificate / diploma / advance diploma levels, which run concurrently with conventional degree courses like the Bachelors of Arts / Science / Commerce etc.