

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2149
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BID FOR MEMBERSHIP OF WASHINGTON ACCORD
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

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

- (a) whether India's bid to become a full-fledged member of the Washington Accord, and international agreement for standardising engineering education, has been turned down by the 13-member group;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, on the basis of the observations of the visiting team from Washington Accord and comments of AICTE-NBA thereon, the provisional membership of National Board of Accreditation (NBA) was extended for a further period of two years with effect from June, 2009.