

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

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APPROVAL OF COURSES BY AICTE
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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) is the sole authority for approval of technical education;
- (b) if so, whether the courses of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi are approved by AICTE and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) are not allowing B.Tech (Mechanical) from the said University to compete for mechanical engineering posts in PSUs and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/to be taken to allow such students to compete for vacancies in PSUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani)

(a): Yes madam. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is the sole authority for approval of technical education. As per clause 2(g) of the AICTE Act, 1987 the `technical education` means programmes of education, research and training in engineering, technology, architecture, town planning, management, pharmacy and applied arts and crafts and such other programme or areas as the Central Government may, in consultation with the Council, by notification in the official Gazette, declare. However, the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India in the case of Bharthidasan University & anr. Vs. AICTE & ors. has held that although Universities do not require prior approval of AICTE to commence a new department or course and programmes in technical education, they have obligation or duty to conform to the standards and norms laid down by the AICTE for the purpose of ensuring coordinated and integrated development of technical education and maintenance of standards. The AICTE may cause an inspection of the University, which has to be as per the provisions under relevant rules/ regulations of the AICTE. Further, all institutions running technical education programmes in affiliation with any University requires prior approval of AICTE.

(b): The Post Graduate courses of Engineering and Technology in Biotechnology, Chemical Engineering, Computer Science and Engineering, Digital Communication, Electronics and Communication Engineering, Engineering Education, Environmental Engineering and Management, Food Processing Technology, Information Technology, Master of Science in Software Engineering and Master in Computer Applications are approved by the AICTE for Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi.

(c) & (d): As per the information furnished by the University some students of the University intimated that some PSU's are not allowing students with B.tech (Mechanical and Automation Engineering) degree to compete for Mechanical Engineering post, while some other PSU's are allowing. The University on the request of such students has been issuing the certificate stating that B.tech (Mechanical and Automation Engineering) degree issued by this University may be considered to be equivalent to B.Tech/B.E (Mechanical Engineering).