

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

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VACANT SEATS

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that during the last year, a large number of seats remained vacant in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Management/ Polytechnic institutes and Private Engineering colleges in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check the loss of crores of rupees being suffered by institutions because of vacant seats;

(c) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government not to grant permission to start more such colleges and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (b): No seats remained vacant in IITs and IIMs during the last year in the states of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The position of seats remained vacant in Management/Polytechnic institutes and Private Engineering colleges in the country particularly in Maharashtra and Karnataka is place at Annexure 1. AICTE grants approvals for new institutions/ courses based on the requests received from State Government.

(c) to (d): AICTE has not received any request from the State Governments for not accepting the applications for setting up of New Engineering & Management institutions for the year 2014-15.

For the year 2015-16 to rationalize the expansion of courses in Engineering/Technical, Management etc. the Approval Process has introduced a mandatory Accreditation requirement to be able to start additional courses/divisions in existing institutions.