

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CLOSURE OF INSTITUTES

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that several institutes are planning to close down due to non-availability of students;
- (b) if so, whether All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) also noticed a dip in applications for new colleges;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the quality and standard of education in technical institutes have declined over the years; and
- (e) if so, the concrete steps taken/to be taken by the Government to improve the quality and standard of education in these institutes?

Answer

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

(a): All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has closed 96, 115 and 31 Institutes in the academic years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively. AICTE receives several applications for closure of Institutions due to less demand for admission in the institutes located in the rural areas, lack of Industry-Institute-Interface, less campus placements, shortage of good faculty and demand for certain branches are less hence the seats are remain vacant. The closure of such Institutes is considered at AICTE after obtaining necessary NOC from the State Government and affiliating University.

(b) & (c): The details of the applications received during the last three years in AICTE for opening of new colleges are as under:

Application received in 2012-13		Application received in 2013-14		Application received in 2014-15	
Diploma	Under Graduate	Diploma	Under Graduate	Diploma	Under Graduate
316	196	275	130	329	108

(d) & (e): To improve the quality and standard of education, AICTE monitors the required infrastructure of the Institutes through surprise inspections and enabling methodologies. AICTE supports these Institutes by funding several schemes namely Research Promotion Scheme, Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence, Faculty Development Programme, Scheme of Seminar Grant, Quality Improvement Programme etc. to improve quality education. AICTE has also notified the AICTE (Mandatory Accreditation of all programs/courses in Technical Education Institutions, University, Departments and Institutions Deemed to be Universities imparting Technical Education) Regulation, 2014 to improve the quality in education.

India has become permanent member of Washington Accord on 13th June, 2014. The Washington Accord is an international agreement among bodies responsible for accrediting engineering degree programs of 17 countries. It recognizes the substantial equivalency of programs accredited by those bodies and recommends that graduates of programs accredited by any of the signatory bodies be recognized by the other bodies as having met the academic requirements for entry to the practice of engineering. The degrees of Tier-I Institutions (autonomous institutions) will be treated as substantially equivalent with the degrees of signatory countries. The accord also recognizes maintenance of quality standards, gives the opportunity for collaborations with other accredited programs of the universities globally. Graduate attributes identified by National Board of Accreditation (NBA) which have been accepted by the Washington Accord provide an excellent reference against which the programs can be compared and a road map for every institution to improve its quality thereby benefiting Indian Engineering Graduates to acquire quality education nationally and globally.