

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

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STANDARDS OF HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government keeps watch on the standards and quality of the Higher Educational Institutes pertaining to engineering, and management education in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has prescribed a common standard for such institutes; and
- (c) if so, the details of the minimum standards and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The AICTE has prescribed minimum norms and standards for technical institutions including engineering and management institutions approved by it. The norms and standards prescribed by the AICTE are published from time to time in the form of Approval Process Handbook. The latest Approval Process Handbook 2013-14 is available on AICTE's website [www.aicte-india.org](http://www.aicte-india.org). In case of violation of the prescribed norms, the AICTE initiates action against such institutions as per the Chapter IV of the Approval Process Handbook 2013-14.

In addition, the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) also accredits programmes of Technical Education in Engineering and Management for quality assurance.