Title: Regarding need to grant permission to Malnad College of Engineering, Karnataka to introduce B.E. course on "Information Technology" from 2000-20001 academic session.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, the Malnad College of Engineering, Hassan in Karnataka is one of the esteemed educational institutes in our State. It is imparting engineering education for the last four decades. It is affiliated to the University of Mysore and Visveswariah Technological University, Bvelgaum.

This College has sought permission tostart B.E course in "Information Technology" during this academic year 2000-200l. In fact, an expert team of AICTE inspected this college on 31.8.l999 in this regard. This college is an aided Engineering College with all the required infrastructure facilities including excellent teachers. In fact stude4nts from all over India come here for their studies. Visveswariah Technologicl University, Belgaum has recommended affiliation of this course to the Government of Karnataka subject to AICTE's approval.

Sir, you are well aware that there is enough thrust and encouragement for Information Technology by the Government of Karnataka. I, therefore, urge upon the hon. Minister of Human Resource Development to impress uponAICTE to grant the neessary permissiion to Malnad college of Engineering to start B.E. Course in "Information Technology" from this academic Session 2000-200l.