

Department of Legal Affairs has opined that judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of E.V. Chinnaiah vs. State of Andhra Pradesh & Others is deemed as the final legal position in all respect and its effect can be neutralized only by enacting a valid law.

(b) and (c) After taking into account, the divergent opinions regarding sub-categorisation, the Government has decided that a retired judge of the Supreme Court be appointed to examine the matter in all its aspects.

Seats in Professional, Medical and Engineering Courses

@*205. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

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

(a) the number of students passing out Class 12 in Science streams from CBSE Board during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the annual increase in seats in professional, medical and engineering courses during the corresponding period;

(c) whether the gap between number of Science students passing out of schools and seats available for medical and engineering courses has increased over the years;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to drastically remove the shortage of seats *vis-a-vis* increasing demand for such courses; and

(e) whether Government have looked into these issues, and if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) CBSE's scheme of studies does not envisage separate science or other streams. However, the number of students who passed Class-XII examination of CBSE with Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology in the last three years is given below:

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Year	No. of students passed with			
	Mathematics	Physics	Chemistry	Biology
2004	160745	145126	146287	69411
2005	180943	173920	167925	83384
2006	209054	190338	180464	85809

(b) As per information provided by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), annual intake and increase during the last three years in undergraduate engineering courses has been as under:

Year	Intake in Undergraduate Engineering Courses	Increase over previous year
2004-2005	459407	78604
2005-2006	499697	40290
2006-2007	545652	45955

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has informed that annual intake and increase in number of MBBS seats during last three years, has been as under:

Year	Intake in MBBS	Increase over Previous Year
2004-2005	25542	1080
2005-2006	27142	1600
2006-2007	29522	2380

(c) to (e) Professional education is one of several options available to students passing Class XII with Science subjects. However, Government are aware of the need to increase intake capacity of professional courses, and have been taken steps in that direction within available resources. Intake in various types of professional courses available in Government and private sector institutions has been increasing over time.

Pilot power project in Dhangaon

*206. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the pilot project of micro energy in Dhangaon, District Nandurbar, which has set an excellent example of starting power project with active public participation;