

- (vi) Upto 2 courses/ programmes at any level per shift may be granted on self disclosure basis if facilities are available for institution which has completed one batch.
- (vii) Upto one course/programme any level per shift may be granted on self disclosure basis if facilities are available for institution yet to complete one batch.
- (viii) One course/programme at any level per shift may be additionally granted if the institution is accredited.
- (ix) Approval is granted for 2nd shift to increase utilization of infrastructure at the institutes with additional intake.
- (x) Additional division (60 seats) is granted for lateral entry of diploma holders in degree programmes in Engineering.
- (xi) Different institutions established by same society/ trust/government running same or different programmes can be integrated to increase the seats of various courses of engineering.
- (xi) Land and building norms for the grant of approval to establish new technical institutions has been modified maintaining the quality of education for enhancing participation and increasing the number of seats.

(c) AICTE has opened its web portal from 30.12.2010 to 28.02.2011 for online submission of proposals for opening of new institutions with different courses in engineering for academic year 2011-12. The applications so received will then be processed as per process defined under Approval Process Handbook 2011-12 and approval will be granted to the suitable proposals complying with the AICTE norms before the commencement of the Academic year 2011-12. It is expected that grant of new approvals will *inter alia* help in increasing the number of seats in engineering for academic year 2011-12.

The actual numbers of seats to be increased along with the names of the courses can only be known after completion of the approval cycle for 2011-12.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. AICTE has notified a Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme for sons and daughters of parents having annual income of less than Rs. 2.5 lakhs from all sources which is mandatory for all AICTE approved technical institutions offering Bachelor programme, Diploma, Post Diploma programme of three/four years of duration. The seats upto maximum 5% of sanctioned intake per course supernumerary in nature shall be available for these admissions.

#### **Code of ethics for school teachers**

543. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a committee headed by a former NCERT Director has recommended a code of professional ethics for school teachers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has also suggested setting up of a professional body for teachers similar to the Bar Council of India or the Indian Medical Association;
- (d) the response of Government to the Committee's recommendation; and
- (e) whether Government proposes to implement the recommendations of the Committee and if so, the timeline for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has developed a Code of Professional Ethics for school teachers on the recommendations of a Committee constituted for the purpose under the Chairpersonship of Prof. AK Sharma, former Director, NCERT. The Code provides a framework of principles that would guide teachers in discharging their obligations towards students, parents and other stakeholders.

(c) The Committee has not suggested setting up of a professional body for teachers similar to the Bar Council of India or the Indian Medical Association.

(d) and (e) The NCTE has informed that the Code will be implemented in collaboration with the associations and federations of school teachers.

#### **Launching of mini satellites by higher educational institutions**

†544. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the concept and objectives of the initiative called 'Mini Satellite Revolution' started by the institutions of higher education in association with ISRO;
- (b) the term and budget of this scheme and the institutions where this scheme is running; and
- (c) whether such type of experiments are proposed to be replicated in other institutions also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Measures to improve education scenario**

†545. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.