

(d) There are 1881 institutions approved by AICTE in Andhra Pradesh, and some leading institutions like Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal, etc, in the State.

**Vacant seats in engineering colleges**

3363. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE has been approving 50 engineering colleges every year in die State of Tamil Nadu in the past few years;

(b) whether it is a fact that 45000 seats out of 149000 seats have remained vacant at the end of the admission process this year;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government is taking to facilitate further training, research and development to attract students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The number of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved New Engineering Colleges in the State of Tamil Nadu for the last three years is as under:

2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
151	177	115

(b) and (c) Admission to AICTE approved Engineering Colleges in the country including Tamil Nadu are being coordinated by Competent Authorities designated for the purpose by the respective State Government. AICTE has no role to play in it and has no such data available on record.

(d) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) operates the schemes of Modernization and Removal of Obsolescence (MODROBS) and Research Promotion Scheme (RPS) to support research and institutional development.

**Financial Assistance for Urdu Academies**

3364. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

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