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Rajasthan	75.50
Sikkim	83.84
Tamil Nadu	64.28
Tripura	47.20
Uttar Pradesh	81.19
Uttarakhand	79.26
West Bengal	52.45
TOTAL :	65.35

#### Vacant engineering seats in Karnataka

1654. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that nearly 36 per cent of engineering seats have fallen vacant in Karnataka during the current academic year;

(b) if so, the details of vacant seats with admission statistics for the last five years;

(c) the reasons for the large number of seats falling vacant in engineering colleges; and

(d) how many new engineering colleges have been opened with affiliation of All India Council for Technical Education in Karnataka during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) The student enrolment data for the current academic year is compiled after the current cycle of approval and data collection on the e-governance portal of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) by 31st December, 2012. The vacancy data with admission statistics for the last four (4) years is as under:

Year	Approved Intake	Admission taken	Vacant seats	Vacancy Percentage
2008-09	63056	54248	8808	14%
2009-10	70566	59207	11359	16%
2010-11	72051	60831	11220	16%
2011-12	75009	60535	14474	19%

(c) The main reason for the large number of vacant seats in engineering colleges is fewer infrastructural or teaching facilities or learning opportunities at some institutes. Many of the institutions are located in the rural places and are not very well connected with the industries and hence they do not have industry linkages and other collaborations; therefore, placement is very poor. There are several disciplines like Instrumentation Production, Bio-technology etc. which do not find favour with students because they perceive that these disciplines provide fewer employment opportunities compared to other disciplines like Civil, Mechanical, Electrical etc.

(d) The new Engineering Colleges have been opened with affiliation of AICTE in Karnataka during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of opened Engineering Colleges
2010-11	22
2011-12	11
2012-13	06

#### **Implementation of RTE Act in private schools**

1655. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has been receiving complaints on the implementation of 25 per cent reservation in private schools, as provided by Section 12 of Right to Education Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to address them; and