

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education (NP-NSPE) covers 10.68 crore children studying in classes I-VIII in 12.12 lakh Government, Government aided, Local Body and National Child Labour Project Schools, Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) and Alternative and Innovative Education (AIE) centres including Madarsas and Maqtabas supported under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

(c) The enrollment at the primary level has increased from 13.18 in 2006-07 to 13.48 crores in 2012-13. At the upper primary level it has gone up from 4.75 to 6.49 crores during the same period. Studies have also shown that attendance has gone up from 68.5 to 76.2% at the primary level and 75.7 to 77.8% at the upper primary level during the same period. The retention ratio at the primary level has increased from 73.42% in 2010-11 to 80.07% in 2012-13.

The enrolment and retention of children in schools depend on several factors including Government interventions in the field of education, health and nutrition, as well as demographic changes and the level of economic development. The MDMS is also one of the important contributory factors for the increase in enrolment and retention levels.

#### **Engineering and technology seats**

1915. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been substantial addition to engineering and technology seats during the last year, across colleges all over the country;

(b) whether the number of vacant seats in engineering and technology institutions are far higher than addition in capacity;

(c) whether a number of graduates from colleges of engineering and technology find themselves unemployable; and

(d) whether there is regional imbalance in engineering/technology institutions as most of these are concentrated in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The addition in engineering & technology seats and vacancies are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the institutions	Addition in seats	Vacancies
1	Indian Institute of Technology (IITs)	219	15
2	National Institute of Technology (NITs)	1514	161
3	AICTE approved colleges	349982	310741

(c) No such data is maintained by this Ministry. However, the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) are institutes of National Importance providing high quality technical manpower for regional and national requirements and most of the students from these institutes are obtaining employment through campus placement.

(d) There are 16 IITs out of which only one IIT each is in the State of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. All others are in different States and out of 4 IITs, only one is in Tamil Nadu. Similarly, all the 30 NITs are in different States and UTs including NER States. However, out of 3379 AICTE approved Engineering Colleges in the country, 681 are situated in the State of Andhra Pradesh, 373 in Maharashtra and 525 in Tamil Nadu.

#### **Objectionable contents in CBSE curriculum**

†1916. SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received complaints against any objectionable topics, poetry and prose available in text books being taught under C.B.S.E curriculum during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far by Government on these complaints;

(c) whether modifications have been carried out in the objectionable curriculum and if so, the details thereof; and

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