

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (d) A reference was received regarding the alleged derogatory words in the Hindi text books of class I, VI, IX and XI of the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT). The NCERT had informed Ministry of Human Resource Development that sometimes writers express themselves in such words in their text to reflect the realities of the contemporary society. Such expressions are to be taken in totality and not in isolation. Some complaints, including the above mentioned reference, were received in 2006 also. These were examined by the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yash Pal and suitable changes were made in the NCERT text books based on its recommendations.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has received representations from different social groups regarding some contents in the following books taught under CBSE curriculum during the last three years:

- i) "Islam Ka Udaai aur Vistar" in class XI History Text Book
- ii) Issue with regard to disgracing remarks on the "Nadar Community" in class IX History Text Book.

The CBSE presented the issues before its Committee of courses of Social Sciences. The Committee recommended forwarding the same to the NCERT. Subsequently, NCERT amended the text books in consultation with Textbook Development Committee involving eminent educationists and subject experts.

Grants received by the Universities and Colleges in Bengal

1917. SHRI VIVEK GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether grants have been received by the universities and colleges in West Bengal from the University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) the details of criteria for receiving such grants and the amount given by UGC for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise; and