

**Review of school text books and curriculum**

1228. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up an Expert Committee to review the school text books and curriculum;

(b) if so, whether Government would consult the State before deciding on the issues so as to have a broader view; and

(c) by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (c) Yes, Sir. A panel of eminent historians was set up on 12.06.2004 by the Government to do a quick review of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) history text books. The panel has since submitted its report.

(b) States, Educational Institutions/Bodies, academicians and experts in the field of education would be consulted wherever it is considered necessary.

**AICTE approved engineering colleges**

1229. SHRI BALAWANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AICTE approved engineering colleges functioning in Maharashtra;

(b) the number of sets in different disciplines; and

(c) the number of engineering colleges declared as 'A' grade colleges in the country and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), there are 151 AICTE approved engineering colleges in