

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

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the State of Maharashtra. The discipline-wise sanctioned students' intake is as follows:

Discipline	Intake
Civil Engineering	3475
Computer Engineering	9553
Electronics Engineering	4327
Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering	7480
Information Technology	6743
Electrical Engineering	2190
Mechanical Engineering	7124
Chemical Engineering	1780
MCA	210
Other courses	5685
TOTAL	48567

(c) After the 1st January 2003, a two-part crediting system *i.e.* 'Accredited' and 'Not Accredited' has been adopted by the AI CTE for accreditation of Programmes in technical institutions. At present, 1476 Programmes in 367 Institutes all over India have been accredited, out of which, 278 Programmes in 63 Institutes are in the State of Maharashtra.

Schemes for Educational Campaign

†1230. SHRI MATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 35.2 per cent population of the country is still uneducated;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to intensify the educational campaign; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.