

(b) NIOS has informed that all the information sought for through RTI applications have been provided by them. At present, no RTI application relating to NIOS Gujarat is pending.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) NIOS has informed that all the information asked for by the Hon'ble Members of Parliament have been provided by them.

Closing of engineering colleges

4381. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than hundred engineering colleges have been closed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the oversupply of seats was created because of lack of planning and indiscriminate approvals;

(d) whether the State Governments have been asked to prepare a perspective plan for opening new colleges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) and (b) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) doesn't close down the Engineering Colleges on its own. However, some engineering colleges have been granted approval for closure by AICTE based on their request. The year-wise details regarding the institutes granted approval for closure by AICTE is available on AICTE's website <https://www.facilities.aicte-india.org/dashboard/pages/angulardashboard.php#!/closedinstitute>.

(c) The actual enrolment in the engineering colleges is based on demand-supply condition which is attributed to location of the institute, academic and research infrastructure and placement prospects.

(d) and (e) With a vision to rationalise the approval process of technical institutes, the AICTE has approved preparation of perspective plan for Technical Education at State level. Seven States namely Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana and Chhattisgarh have submitted their plans to AICTE.