

The Department of School Education and Literacy has launched an Integrated Scheme for School Education - Samagra Shiksha with effect from 2018-19 which subsumes the three erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyarhik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE). The scheme envisages school education as a continuum from pre-school to senior secondary level and aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all. Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to States and UTs for undertaking various activities to reduce number of out of school children including opening/strengthening of new schools upto senior secondary level, construction of school buildings & additional classrooms, setting up, up-gradation and running of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBV), setting up of residential schools/hostels, free uniforms, free text books and undertaking enrolment & retention drives. Further, special training for age appropriate admission of out of school and residential as well as non-residential training for older children, seasonal hostels / residential camps, special training centres at worksites, transport/ escort facility are also supported to bring out of school children to the formal schooling system. Also, mid-day meal is provided to students at the elementary level of education. Further, under the student oriented component for the children with special needs, financial assistance is provided for identification and assessment of children with special needs, aids and appliances, braille kits and books, appropriate teaching learning material and stipend to girl students with disability etc.

Closure of engineering colleges

2109. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been receiving requests for closure of engineering colleges every year;
- (b) if so, the details of engineering colleges that have applied for closure during the last three years, State-wise, along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the demand for engineering courses is rapidly decreasing across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (d) The state-wise details of the Engineering Colleges that applied for closure to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) during

the last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below). The reasons for such closures include economic non-viability of the institutes due to shortage of students etc. As per the record available with AICTE, the number of students enrolled in Technical Institutions have declined from 8,18,669 in 2017-18 to 7,81,833 in 2018-19.

Statement

State-wise details of Engineering Colleges that applied for closure to the AICTE during the last three years

State	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Andhra Pradesh	6	7	3
Assam	0	0	2
Chhattisgarh	1	1	2
Delhi	0	1	0
Gujarat	2	4	1
Haryana	6	4	9
Himachal Pradesh	0	2	1
Karnataka	0	6	3
Kerala	0	1	2
Madhya Pradesh	8	7	7
Maharashtra	5	13	6
Odisha	3	1	1
Puducherry	1	0	1
Punjab	3	2	5
Rajasthan	8	4	3
Tamil Nadu	4	12	6
Telangana	29	6	15
Uttar Pradesh	7	13	12
Uttarakhand	1	1	2
West Bengal	1	0	1
GRAND TOTAL	85	85	82