

(c) whether any complaint regarding excessive deduction by private engineering colleges have been received by the Ministry and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) the details of officers of the Ministry who could be approached for redressal of grievances for excessive deduction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (d) All India Council for Technical education (AICTE) has notified Regulations for establishment of Mechanism for Grievance Redressal Committee and Ombudsman for all AICTE approved Technical Institutions, which are available on [https://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/AICTE%20 \(Establishment %20of%20Mechanism%20for%20Grievance%20Redressal\) %20 Regulations, %202012.pdf](https://www.aicte-india.org/downloads/AICTE%20(Establishment%20of%20Mechanism%20for%20Grievance%20Redressal)%20Regulations,%202012.pdf). The fee refund policy has been given in detail in Approval Process Handbook 2019-20 of AICTE (Para 7.13), which is available at <https://www.aicte-india.org/sites/default/files/APH%202019-20.pdf>. Complaints regarding excessive deduction by private colleges received in the Ministry are forwarded to AICTE for necessary action as per Rules, which takes action against the erring institutes as per the provisions of All India Council for Technical Education (Establishment of Mechanism for Grievance Redressal) Regulations, 2012. The details of the Officers who could be approached for redressal of grievances for excessive deduction is available at <https://pgportal.gov.in/Home/NodalPgOfficers>.

Job-oriented education system

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SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the higher education system in the country is not job-oriented in the present scenario;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating changes to make the higher education system job-oriented;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up institutions connecting higher education with skill development with the support of States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Higher education system has many educational streams which are directly job-oriented. Further, in order to enhance job orientation and employability, the following steps have been taken:—

- (i) There are 1109 skill oriented courses being run by University Grants Commission (UGC) and All India Council for Technical Education(AICTE) through 556 institutions (300 B. VoC. Colleges, 188 Community Colleges and 68 DDU Kaushal Kendra Colleges), in which 38414 students are receiving skill training with education.
- (ii) New and updated vocational curricula are being developed in line with industry demand in B.VoC. programmes.
- (iii) AICTE has launched an internship portal to facilitate industry internship to students. Internship has been made mandatory for students of engineering colleges.
- (iv) Wheebox Employability Skill Test (WEST) for all pre-final and final year graduates of AICTE approved institutions to identify the core strengths of students and certify the same.
- (v) Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) Phase-III is under implementation to enhance quality, equity and employability in selected engineering education institutions.
- (vi) National Career Service (NCS) portal has been launched as a common platform to bring together stakeholders like job seekers, employers, counsellors, local service providers and trainer etc. to facilitate convergence of information and link job seekers with job providers.
- (vii) MHRD is working in co-operation with Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) which comprise representatives of Industry, and Service Sectors to develop curricula that reflect industry -demanded skills so that higher education can be linked with employment opportunities.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.