

maintains a list of unapproved institutes based on the information received from various sources. The list of such erring (264) technical and (116) architecture institutes is available on AICTE's website <https://www.facilities.aicte-india.Org/dashboard/pages/angulardashboard.php#!/unapproved>. The concerned State Governments are advised by AICTE to take appropriate action against such unapproved institutions.

Besides, University Grants Commission (UGC) also maintains a list of fake universities on its web-site, *i.e.* www.ugc.ac.in. To curb the menace of fake Universities/Institutions, it issues Show Cause/Warning Notices to fake Universities and send letters to the State Governments for taking appropriate action against fake Universities/Institutes functioning in their State.

Infrastructure of engineering colleges/universities

703. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing engineering colleges/universities and other higher learning institutions lack mandatory infrastructure including inadequate staff/teachers/professors;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Central Government in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that more private engineering colleges/universities are being added every year whereas the existing institutions are facing closure; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) There is adequate infrastructure in place in most of the Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs). The CFTIs, which are operating from temporary campuses also have adequate infrastructure in their temporary campuses. Necessary budgetary support is provided to these CFTIs to put in place necessary infrastructure as per existing requirements and also for further expansion of capacity.

Arising of vacancies and their filling up is a continuous and ongoing process. The CFTIs have taken measures to attract quality faculty, which *inter alia* include rolling advertisements, appointment of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) to faculty positions. Besides, institutions also engage contract, adjunct and

visiting faculty as per their requirements as well as use the online mode of teaching to overcome the shortages.

All India Council of Technical Education inspects and compiles list of institutes approved by it, which have deficiencies related to faculty and infrastructure. At present, it has observed infrastructure deficiencies in 316 institutions and faculty deficiencies in 323 institutions, out of 10,426 institutions approved by it. University Grants Commission (UGC) also has a system in place to monitor, report and ask the University concerned to comply with the laid down criteria.

(c) and (d) During 2017-2020 (till date), AICTE has approved 117 new private engineering institutes, while 250 private engineering institutes have applied for closure. The institutes have applied for closure based on the reduced number of admissions they are getting and their economic non-viability. During last three years 100 private universities have been established.

Schools/colleges closed and started

†704. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of Government schools and colleges closed and started during 2014 to 2019?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): Information regarding the number of schools closed and colleges opened and closed is not maintained centrally. However, the information regarding total number of government schools and colleges for the period 2014-15 to 2017-18 is as under:

| Year | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| Schools | 1107101 | 1104796 | 1101371 | 1094537* |
| Colleges** | 7885 | 7988 | 8177 | 8358 |

*As per Unified District Information on School Education (UDISE) 2017-18 provisional.

** As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) Reports.

The number of schools sanctioned year-wise by the Ministry under its centrally sponsored schemes to different States and UTs is as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.