GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2880 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

Single Entrance Exam

2880. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: KUNWAR BHARATENDRA: SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO: SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL: SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO: DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE: SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR: SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK: SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the proposal for a single entrance exam for various engineering, architecture and teachers' training courses and if so, the details thereof including the languages in which the test would be conducted and the frequency of the same;
- (b) whether the test would include admissions to IITs also and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has asked the All India Council for Technical Education to issue a suitable regulation for the implementation of the proposal from the academic year 2018-19 and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry has requested all State Governments / deemed universities to communicate their constructive suggestions for the smooth implementation of the regulations and if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;
- (e) whether the Government would organise national level web based counselling and State Governments will be invited to join the process and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which single entrance examination is likely to keep a check on private engineering colleges?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) to (f): AICTE Council in the meeting held on 14th March 2017 approved the All India Council for Technical Education Regulations for admissions in technical institutions through National Entrance Examination, 2017 prescribing a single national entrance exam for technical institutions in order to maintain good standards of education across the Country, after a detailed consultation with various stakeholders including all the State Governments/UTs. The purpose of the exam is to maintain minimum standards of education and to facilitate students from being subjected to multiple exams which are not standardised. The test would be administered from 2018 onwards and is expected to keep in view the diversity of the curriculum in the Country.

There is a web-based seat allocation system hosted by the Central Government. All States are free to use this service for filling up the engineering seats in their States, if they choose.
