

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3051
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

Seats in Engineering Colleges

3051. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that it is a serious concern that the seats in engineering colleges are falling vacant;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received more than 150 applications for closure of engineering colleges in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (d) : The percentage of vacant seats in undergraduate courses in AICTE approved Engineering Colleges in the country from Academic Year 2014-15 to 2017-18 is as follows:

Sl. No.	Academic Year	Percentage of vacant seats
1	2014-15	48.79
2	2015-16	47.68
3	2017-18	49.70
4	2018-19	49.30

The actual enrolment in technical institutes is based on demand-supply situation which is attributed to location of the institute, research and infrastructure facilities and placement opportunities.

During the academic year 2018-19, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) received 239 applications from Engineering and Technical institutes for closure. Out of these, 51 institutes were granted letter of approval for closure.
