

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1825  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2020**

**Darbhanga Engineering Colleges**

**†1825. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:**

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

- (a) whether Darbhanga city is a major centre of education in North Bihar;
- (b) whether there are two engineering colleges i.e Darbhanga Engineering College and another engineering college for women inaugurated by Former President late Shri APJ Abdul Kalam;
- (c) whether these two colleges are not adequately developed;
- (d) whether the engineering studies will get a boost if any one of the two colleges is upgraded to IIIT;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to upgrade any one of the two institutes into IIIT; and
- (f) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

**(a) to (c):** Darbhanga Engineering College and Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Women's Institute of Technology (Formerly known as Women's Institute of Technology)

Darbhanga are state owned Government Engineering Colleges under Lalit Narayan Mithila University(LNMU) in Bihar State and are approved by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Both the colleges have been granted extension of approval for Academic Year 2019-20 by AICTE as per norms prescribed in the Approval Process Handbook (APH) 2019-20. There are no major deficiencies in infrastructure in both the colleges, as per the Report of the Approval Process 2019-20.

However, in Darbhanga Engineering College, there is a deficiency of faculty. Against a requirement of 72 faculty members, there is faculty strength of only 52 members posted in the institute. The details of the institutes are available on AICTE Dashboard <https://facilities.aicte-india.org/dashboard/pages/dashboardaicte.php>.

**(d) to (f):** At present, there are 25 IIITs in the country and as of now, no proposal has been received from State Government of Bihar to establish a new IIIT.

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