

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government for the development/ expansion of technical education in view of increasing unemployment in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the amount allocated for the expansion of technical education during 2002-03, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of youths benefited by it and the progress report thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c): As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), during the past three years, significant expansion has taken place in the technical education in the country, with a growth rate of about 30%. AICTE is committed to ensure that the delivery of technical education is of certain standard and quality so that the graduates produced by the institutions are appropriately employed. In order to maintain quality in technical education in the country, AICTE has taken various initiatives including Accreditation of Technical Programmes, Quality Improvement Programme for Teachers, financial support to the Postgraduate Education and Research, support to Research & Development in various areas of technology and Modernisation of Laboratories, Performance Appraisal System for institutions and faculty. Data with regard to employment of technical professionals are not maintained centrally. State Governments are ordinarily required to provide money for the promotion of technical education in their respective States. However, the Ministry occasionally provides financial assistance to the States for specific purposes, such as central assistance to State Governments for implementation of revision of scales of pay of teachers in degree level technical institutions in the States. In addition, AICTE operates various schemes such as Modernisation and Removal of Obsolescence (MODROB), Research & Development (R&D), Thrust Areas in Technical Education, etc. under which financial assistance are provided to technical institutions in the State.