

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF ENGINEERING COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to upgrade the Colleges of Engineering into a centre of excellence by providing only academic autonomy without making any administrative reforms in the institution; and

(b) if so, the details of such colleges selected for the purpose during the year 2003-04, State-wise, college-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : As per the information furnished by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), they are considering proposal for providing academic autonomy to technical institutions in order to make them 'Centres of Excellence'. One of the main criteria for granting autonomy is that all the programmes of such institutions must be accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) of AICTE. AICTE has initiated preparation of consolidated guidelines for processing such proposals. During the year 2003-2004, no college has so far been selected for providing academic autonomy.