

Title: Need to set up a Regional Centre of AICTE in Hyderabad.

SHRI K.S. RAO (ELURU): Sir, to achieve the ambitious target of GDP growth of eight per cent, the need of the hour is skilled manpower and technological manpower. Andhra Pradesh is contributing at great length in technological manpower. Andhra Pradesh has got 240 engineering colleges, apart from a number of colleges of management, pharmacy, etc. But Andhra Pradesh does not have a regional centre of AICTE, which is the demand of the people of Andhra Pradesh. All these institutions have to go to the regional centre at Chennai, and then to Delhi to get the permission or to get their colleges monitored for quality and standard. I would request the hon. Minister of HRD to start a regional centre of AICTE at Hyderabad at the earliest. This is our immediate requirement.

MR. SPEAKER: Shrimati Nivedita Mane - not present.