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Title : Need to grant recognition to the deemed universities of Tamil Nadu with the AICTE and UGC.

SHRI A.V. BELLARMIN (NAGERCOIL): Sir, in my home State Tamil Nadu, certain private managements are running professional colleges in Engineering, and they could secure deemed university status for a few of their colleges. In the name of deemed universities enchanting advertisements are made offering lucrative courses in Engineering and Bio-Technology. The curricula for the courses, fee-structure and other academic requirements are also prescribed by the managements themselves. They do not adhere to any of the norms prescribed by the UGC, AICTE or IMA for that matter.

Though such managements get prior approval for certain courses by satisfying the norms prescribed by the AICTE, yet they start courses of their own choice with lucrative nomenclatures levying exorbitant fees that runs into several lakhs of rupees. They are not obtaining approval or recognition for such courses. The students of some such universities have started to realise the trick being played on them. Therefore, unrest broke out and it is spreading to all deemed universities there. The parents, who are spending profusely for the education of their ward at the insistence of such managements are in panic.

Therefore, the Government should come forward to bring out a legislation to check the unbridled spree of such managements in commercialising professional education[\[ak75\]](#).

Central agencies like the UGC, AICTE, IMA and the universities concerned should be made responsible for ensuring excellence in education. Affiliation should be given only on the basis of an assessment of the professional requirements and only after the institution concerned satisfied all conditions regarding infrastructural facilities and other academic norms. Minimum qualifications and salary for the faculties should be fixed. They should be made subject for accreditation, assessment and evaluation by the universities, AICTE and IMA.

A comprehensive piece of legislation containing such norms alone can save the students and professional education from the clutches of such managements.