

# Delhi houses 25% of all 'fake' engineering colleges of India

## 66 Of 277 Institutes Running Without AICTE Nod Based Out Of Capital

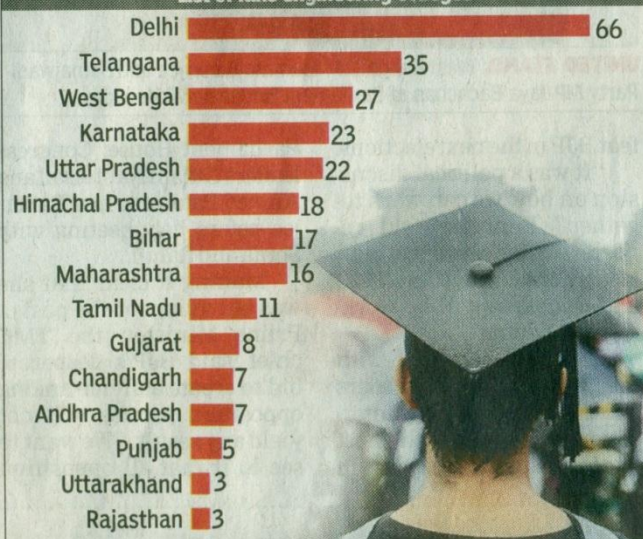
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**New Delhi/Hyderabad:** National capital Delhi houses the highest number of 'fake' colleges offering engineering and other technical courses without approval from the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), reveals data provided by the Union ministry of human resource development (MHRD) in response to a question raised in the Lok Sabha earlier this week.

According to the data made available to Parliament by minister of state for HRD Satya Pal Singh, of the 277 'fake' engineering colleges identified in the country over the last three years, 66 are in Delhi while Telangana is placed second on the list with its share of 35. West Bengal comes third with 27. The ministry has now directed AICTE to take necessary action against such colleges.

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List of fake engineering colleges



AICTE chairperson Anil Sahasrabudhe said, "These are basically unapproved institutions. The courses — di-

ploma, degree and others—offered by these institutes are of no value as these courses are not recognised by any regula-

tory authority. AICTE keeps updating the list of institutions that are not approved."

Telangana higher education department officials claimed that most of these illegal colleges functioned from commercial buildings on the outskirts of Hyderabad. Such colleges were also there in rural areas, mostly in Ranga Reddy district, they said.

"There are a few independent colleges that offer courses without any approvals. There are colleges that also offer technical certificate and diploma courses without any approval. We will seek a list of such errant colleges from the AICTE," said N Yadaiah, registrar, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University-Hyderabad.

To ensure students don't apply to such colleges, the AICTE has also slapped notices on these institutions for not seeking its approval.