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AICTE warns govt engg colleges over facilities, tells them to trim admissions

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GOVERNMENT engineering colleges in the state have been found to be not up to the mark, with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) curtailing or even prohibiting admission of students for courses for the 2019-20 academic year.

According to experts on the AICTE scrutiny committees, most of the government engineering colleges in the state have failed to follow AICTE guidelines on maintaining teacher-student ratio, qualified staff, providing well-equipped laboratories, anti-ragging cells, internal complaints committee to handle sexual harassment complaints, and even insuring students.

AICTE's scrutiny committee reports on this have been sub-



mitted directly to individual government engineering colleges, a copy of which has also been submitted to the department of technical education, under which government engineering colleges function in the state.

H U Talwar, director, state department of technical education, said they plan to go before the authority. "We have an op-

tion to appeal against recommendations by scrutiny committees before the AICTE, and have informed principals of all government engineering colleges to do so. As this is not the final decision of AICTE, we cannot say that admission is rejected or intake has been reduced," said Talwar.

However, as per information available with AICTE, Wednesday was the last date for colleges to file their appeals online, before AICTE.

As per details available, of the 11 government engineering colleges in the state, at least one of them (refer box) has been recommended not to admit students for the coming academic year. One has been asked to curtail admission intake by 50 per cent; one by 25 per cent, and a third by 10 per cent. Three of the colleges have been recom-

WHY IS STATE GOVT SETTING UP MORE COLLEGES?

When the condition of already established government engineering colleges is this with many suffering lack of basic necessities like qualified staff and laboratories, the question is why the state government is setting up new government engineering colleges? In the recent cabinet meeting, the state government approved setting up a new government engineering college at Mosale Hosahalli in Hassan.

mended expert committee visits, one has been asked to submit relevant records relating to recruitment of staff, and three have been allowed admissions with a warning.

It was an online exercise which the colleges do annually, wherein principals of the colleges — including private and aided — fill in necessary details sought by AICTE and these details are subsequently scruti-

nised by committees constituted by AICTE and its regional offices. The recommendations and compliance with deficiencies are sent to colleges for further action.

Scrutiny committees at the regional level invited each of the principals of government engineering colleges and explained to them the deficiencies, and exercise conducted by AICTE for the first time.

COLLEGE WISE RECOMMENDATIONS:		MAJOR DEFICIENCIES:
Gov't engineering college Hassan: 50% intake reduced	Gov't engineering college Raichur: Expert Committee visit recommended	1 Fail to maintain student teacher ratio
Gov't engineering college Haveri: 25% intake reduced	Government engineering college Huvinahadagalli: Asked to submit relevant records relating to recruitment of staff	2 Lack of qualified teachers
Gov't engineering college Chamraj Nagar: 0 admissions	Gov't engineering college KR Pet: 10% intake reduced	3 No laboratory and library facilities
Gov't engineering college Kushalnagar: Expert Committee Visit recommended	Gov't engineering college Karwar: Expert Committee visit recommended	4 No basic infrastructure like building
		5 Lack of admission at some of the colleges
		6 Lacking anti-ragging cells
		7 Absence of internal complaints committee to handle sexual harassment complaints, Improper or absence of student insurance.