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**NO EXCESS FEE TO BE CHARGED BY INSTITUTIONS**

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There is competition among students due to limited seats in government and reputed private institutions as compared to the number of applications received. Overall there is surplus capacity in the engineering sector with 8,44,328 seats remaining vacant in 2014-15.

Some instances of taking excess fee have come to the notice of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE). It has called upon students, parents and the general public not to pay any capitation fee or any other fee other than that mentioned in the Prospectus of the institutions for consideration of admission through advertisement/public notice from time to time. Aggrieved students/parents can send their complaint to Grievance Redressal Committee of the Institution and, if not satisfied with the decision of the Committee, they can send an appeal to the Ombudsman. The Srikrishna Committee setup by AICTE has not recommended charging of capitation fee except tuition and development fee. Any institution reported to be charging capitation fee shall be liable for punitive action including withdrawal of approval under the Approval Process Hand Book.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Irani today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.

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