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INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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No. 2064—I-TTI-11/2011-I—AICTE introduced the 2nd Shift Engineering Programme during 2008 in existing Engineering Colleges in order to address the issue of Regional imbalance, stream-wise imbalance, the imbalance between Degree-Vrs.- Diploma Level Institutions based on the ratio of the Engineering students of a State, i.e. students studying in Engineering per lakh of population as on index. The objectives of the AICTE for promoting the 2nd Shift in those States where the index was less than national average of 75 when Orissa was having a figure of 57 in 2008. In subsequent years, the seat position in Engineering Programme increased substantially, thus, the index has gone up remarkably.

Before introduction of the 2nd Shift Engineering Programme, the issue was examined in detail and following relevant factors and facts are observed.

1. In comparison to the year 2008, the intake capacity in Engineering Programme has increased substantially. Hence, the seat index has gone up presently.

2. In most of the States, the Technical Universities have not implemented the scheme of the 2nd Shift yet.

3. Further, in the 2nd Shift, the safety and security issue of female students may pose a great problem.

4. The labs. of the institutes will remain occupied most of the times leading to great difficulty for the students to carry out their project works both for the 1st and 2nd Shift.

5. The shortage of faculty members will force the 1st Shift staff to work for the 2nd Shift (as admissible under the scheme) making them busy only in delivering lectures with reduced efficiency. This may also lead to severely affecting the research work of the faculty members ultimately jeopardizing their career growth.

6. Further, during the year 2009 and 2010 many seats remained vacant in the Engineering Colleges in spite of all out efforts taken by the State Government and Management of the Colleges to fill up the seats.

7. Introduction of the 2nd Shift Engineering Programme may affect the existence of newly established Institutions as well as the Institutions in peripheral areas.

8. Introduction of the 2nd Shift Engineering Programme may also affect the excellence in Technical Education which needs to be maintained at any cost.

9. The availability of the eligible candidates is much less than the total number of approved intake capacity in Engineering Colleges, thus, the demand of Engineering seats is much less than the present supply.

In addition to above, as per the recommendation of the Policy Planning Body constituted under the provisions of the Orissa Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission & Fixation of Fee) Act, 2007 and in terms of the interim order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 1st June 2007 in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No.(s) 10318, 10319, 10329 and 10330 of 2007, and consequent upon the decision taken in the Board of Governors, meeting of Biju Pattanaik University of Technology (BPUT), Orissa, Rourkela, Government was pleased to decide not to implement/ introduce 2nd Shift Engineering Programme in existing Private Engineering Colleges for the Academic Session 2010-11 communciated vide this Department Notification No.11069, dated the 30th July 2010.

After careful consideration of the factors and facts stated above Government have been pleased to decide not to implement/introduce 2nd Shift Engineering Programme and B. Arch. Programme in the existing Private Engineering Colleges and Architecture Colleges respectively for the Academic Session 2011-12.

ORDER—Ordered that the Notification be published in the extraordinary issue of the *Orissa Gazette* for general information and copies be forwarded to all of the Departments of the Government and placed in the website of Industries Department.

By order of the Governor,

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