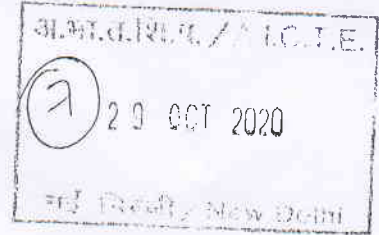


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Subject: **Draft Professional Engineers Bill – regarding.**

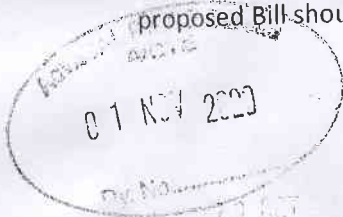
Sir,

I am directed to refer to AICTE's letter No 13-61/P&AP/Professional Engg.Bill/2019/623 dated 10 January 2020 vide which Draft Professional Engineers Bill-2019 was shared. The draft of the proposed Bill has been examined in the Ministry.

2. The Bill proposes to set up a **27-member Indian Professional Engineers' Council (IPEC)** and a **12-member Board** to look after the functioning of the Council. IPEC further also proposes to create multiple numbers of Licenciate Member Organisations (LMOs) with the authority to regulate the profession(s).

3. The relevance of the proposed Bill has also been examined in light of the New Education Policy (NEP), 2020 which is now in force. The NEP 2020 envisages setting up of Higher Education Commission of India (HECI), of which National Higher Education Regulatory Council (NHERC) will be a vertical. NHERC "will function as the **common, single point regulator for the higher education sector including teacher education and excluding medical and legal education, thus eliminating the duplication and disjunction of regulatory efforts by the multiple regulatory agencies that exist at the current time**". It will require a relook and repealing of existing Acts and restructuring of various existing regulatory bodies to enable this single point regulation." (para-18.3 of NEP; emphasis added). As per the NEP, except medical and legal education, all professional and technical education should be regulated by NHERC. It will involve repealing of existing Acts and restructuring of various regulatory bodies.

4. NEP discourages setting up of multiple regulatory bodies. In line with the NEP 2020, HECI, and therefore NHERC, should be first formed. It has therefore been decided with the approval of competent authority that all concerns raised regarding the regulation of the profession of engineering through the proposed Bill should be flagged when the HECI Bill is being drafted.



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