

Editorial

Engineers, by practice, keep away from agitation or demonstration, but coming nearer home, our budding engineers have demonstrated their anger in the convocation hall at Chandigarh. Mr. Rao, delivering the convocation address, retorted that degree is not a ticket for job. Quite correct, but what is the ticket for job and whence the ticket is available? In Jadavpur, in Jabalpur our young engineers have exhibited their anger for fear of impending unemployment. Planning commission could not envisage the requirements of engineers and establishment of new engineering colleges and expansion of existing ones were undertaken at random. The intake of student was not reconciled with the employment potential, thus causing overlapping. The demand is much less than the supply. The situation has been accentuated by the out turn from professional bodies, one of which has about forty thousand students on roll. The circumstances warrant a review. In developed countries like England and America, the professional bodies have formed a joint council as for example E. C. E (Engineering Council of England). Such a joint council should be formed in India, too. The universities in India, should admit external candidates for engineering degree examination. In England, 50% of the engineers are external graduates. We wonder, why the education commission did not touch at this point. More students appearing for university examination would be welcome to the universities as it helps finance, apart from the enforcement of the desirable rigidity for the appellation of ENGINEER, as engineers are not registered in India.