

Editorial

Educating the educators is best applied in the case of engineering education. In the case of medical education, there are directors of health services who are themselves members of medical profession. Moreover, there is an All India council for medical practitioners which make registration of medical men compulsory. There is no such thing in engineering, not only in India but in other parts of the world. In our country, politicians wield the destiny of engineering education, among many other things. Engineering education is not under engineers. There was a time when zonal chairmen of All India council for Technical Education was any one excepting a technical man. Engineers have expressed their concern over the sad state of engineering education but there is no sign that any body pays any heed. However, we have to continue our effort. We want planning of engineering education in the following strata to start with.

1. Junior technical schools to conform to the standard of admission in engineering colleges.
2. Technical stream in higher secondary schools to be equivalent to junior technical school syllabus.
3. Industrial training institutes to provide for theoretical studies for admission in polytechnics, in the evening course.
4. Admission of apprentices under the Apprentices Act should be open to all the above categories.

Lack of co-ordination in the preparation of syllabi is noticeable in all stages and the cause is not far to seek. Education functions under heterogeneous directorates and rival ministries. Rivalry for power cannot be eradicated by powerless scribes. Mr. Chagla failed to make education a concurrent subject and education is not a co-ordinated subject either, as more than one ministry in states dabble with education—technical or otherwise. We wish an end of this tragedy.