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Ministry of Defence  
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Subject:- Technical/Professional Colleges/Institutes established by Service Headquarters on Defence land.

Instances of unauthorised use of Defence land/buildings for establishment of Technical/Professional Colleges/Institutes by AWES etc. have come to the notice of the Ministry. The unauthorised use of Defence land and buildings by the Army Authorities for such activities has been criticised by the Audit also. When the issue was taken up with Army Hqrs., it was intimated that the decision for opening of such Institutes was taken at the level of Chief of Army Staff at various points of times as a welfare measure in the overall interest of the Services. Further, Army Hqrs have requested for regularisation of these Institutes. The matter was also discussed with AG and QMG with Defence Secretary on 4.2.2002.

2. The whole issue has again been considered in the Ministry and it has been decided that no Technical/Professional Educational Institute/College should be opened on Defence land in future. Instructions in this regard may be issued to all concerned, copy of which may be endorsed to the Ministry also.

3. As regards such Institutes already opened/being run on Defence land by AWES etc, it has been proposed to seek the approval of Cabinet for regularisation of the same. Army Hqrs etc are, accordingly, requested to forward comprehensive proposals in respect of these institutions to the Ministry for taking further necessary action in the matter.

  
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