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The colleges requested that if the state government was considering taking part in the JEE Mains 2016 for admission to BTech first-year, the same principle must be made applicable in the admission process of deemed universities, private universities and autonomous colleges.

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