

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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TEST FOR ENGINEERING COURSES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government propose to consider any scheme for a Common Entrance Test for engineering courses in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The number of students booking admission to professional institutions in the field of Technical Education is increasing year by year. Lakhs of Students appear in the entrance tests conducted by various Institutes, State Government and other such agencies all over the country each year. Multiplicity of entrance examinations has out tremendous strain & trauma on students along with their parents. It has also resulted in unlimited duplication of work and non-optimisation of resources for conduct of such examinations. Candidates from rural areas and small towns have been the worst sufferers. Keeping this in view, it has been proposed by this Ministry to organize a common entrance test at National level called National Education System for Testing (NEST).

(c) The scheme is likely to be implemented sometime in January, 2001.