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REVIEW OF JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the Joint Entrance Examination System for admission to the Engineering/Medical and other Technical Institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the expert opinion has been sought by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the changes proposed to be introduced; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government to protect the interest of students?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a) to (e): The Joint Entrance Examination is conducted by Indian Institutes of Technology for admission to the Undergraduate programme at Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Institute of Technology - Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU), Varanasi and Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad.

Indian Institutes of Technology are autonomous bodies and enjoy autonomy in the academic matters in their pursuit of excellence. IITs had constituted a Special Task Force for reforms in Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). On the recommendations of the Special Task Force, the Standing Committee of the IIT Council, after receiving the approval of the Chairman of the Council, has changed the norms for admission to IITs. As per the revised norms only those students who get 60% or more marks at the class XIIth will be eligible for admission to the IITs. For the students belonging to SC/ST there will be a relaxation of 5% of marks. A student can have only two attempts to appear in JEE with effect from 2006, one in the year in which he or she passes the XIIth standard examination and/or in the following year. Candidates, who have passed their qualifying examination in 2005 or earlier, will be permitted to appear in JEE 2006, as a last chance, irrespective of the marks secured in class XIIth or the number of earlier attempts at JEE subject to their satisfying the age limit. Candidates who join any of the IITs, IT- BHU, Varanasi and ISM Dhanbad through JEE 2006 will not be permitted to appear in JEE in future.

These reforms simplify the Joint Entrance Exam by doing away with the Screening Test and also give due weightage to the Board results. This is likely to reduce the examination stress on the students and check the proliferation of coaching institutes.