

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

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SINGLE NATIONAL TEST

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

(a) whether in a meeting held recently of the Council of Boards of School Education (CoBSE) a decision was taken to have a common syllabus for Science and Mathematics in Classes XI and XII across all the schools irrespective of the board, the school is affiliated to and there will be a single national test for entry into medical and engineering colleges;

(b) if so, the salient features of this national test and the time by which it will be implemented;

(c) whether certain State Governments, parents and teachers have some reservations regarding this test;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to address these concerns?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) and (b) In a meeting organized by the Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE) on 16.02.2010 at Delhi among various School Education Boards, it was decided to adopt a common core curriculum for Science and Mathematics subjects at senior secondary level for the Boards across the country. It was also resolved to make efforts to have a common entrance examination from the year 2013.

(c) to (e) There has been no formal consultation with stakeholders regarding the common entrance examination.