

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

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ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a meeting of State Education Ministers was held recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any consensus has been arrived on reducing the multiplicity of entrance examinations for entry to higher education; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to(d): Yes, Sir. A Conference of State Education Ministers` was held on 18th June, 2010. In the Conference, a child centric vision of education including higher education was shared with States. In particular, States were exhorted to join hands in reducing the multiplicity of entrance examinations for entry to higher education as also the need to develop a core curriculum in schools for the subjects of science and mathematics, without in any manner restricting or affecting the authority of States in prescribing syllabi and conducting examinations.

The need to establish a National Institute for Assessment and Evaluation; giving weightage to be accorded to performance in Class-XII in entrance tests for professional and other courses; extending the system of Comprehensive and Continuous Evaluation for assessment of students upto Class-X; enunciating a National Vocational Education Qualification Framework and promoting value education are some of the other important issues that were discussed in the Conference of State Education Ministers.