

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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MULTIPLE ENTRANCE TESTS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the present system of multiple entrance tests for admissions to various technical institutions needs be revision to reduce burden on the students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the recommendations made by the Committee headed by Dr. Acharya in this regard;
- (d) the proposals considered to strengthen the existing Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to keep pace with the fast changing technology;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to admit foreign students up to 25 per cents in post Graduate courses on a supernumbering basis;
- (f) if so, whether it will affect the present admission norms for Indian students; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In order to reform the present system of multiple entrance system, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. D. Acharya, Director, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur to explore the possibility of having one exam in place of IIT-JEE, AIEEE and other State Entrance Examination. The main recommendation of the Acharya Committee, inter alia, include

- (i) Standard XII Scores normalized appropriately across Boards should be used to capture the School Science Performance (SSP)
- (ii) National Aptitude Test (NAT) should be used to capture parameters of interest such as raw intelligence, aptitude, general awareness, comprehension and written communication skills
- (iii) A Composite Weighted Performance (CWP) Score to be computed.

(d): To enable the IITs to keep pace with the fast changing technology the Ministry provides grants in the form of plan funds and OSC funds for upgradation of infrastructure including laboratories and equipment.

(e) to (g): The Council of IITs in its meeting held on 10.09.2010 decided that foreign students may be allowed admission upto 20% on a supernumerary basis in Post Graduate programmes without effecting the present norms for Indian students.