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CAT FOR BUSINESS SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are planning to conduct computer-based Common Admission Test (CAT) for premier business schools globally; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the aims and objectives of such move?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes Sir. So far, no concrete steps have been taken in this regard. However, IIMs are deliberating and considering taking CAT globally.

(b) The aims & objectives of taking CAT globally are as under:-

- i. An international CAT would help IIM expand internationally. At a macro level, it would contribute to soft power of Brand India.
- ii. It would cater to the Indian Diaspora. Many of the PIOs, desirous of studying in IIMs, are left out because they cannot take CAT. If CAT goes global, this community will get an opportunity to take CAT anywhere and study in India at IIMs.
- iii. Foreign students take GMAT (a US examination) to be eligible for admission to IIMs. If CAT goes outside India these students would take CAT for various courses.
- iv. When CAT goes global, B-Schools in foreign countries would get associated with IIMs through the common entrance test. As CAT has established itself as one of the best entrance tests for B-Schools in the world, many institutes would be tempted to opt for it for their courses. This will facilitate close interaction between IIMs and foreign B-schools triggering student exchanges, faculty exchanges, culture exchanges among many things.