

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

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INCLUSION OF BIO TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has urged the Medical Council of India (MCI) for inclusion of bio-technology as an eligible subject for the for the common pre-medical entrance test.
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which bio-technology is likely to be included for the common pre-medical entrance test?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has requested Medical Council of India (MCI) to consider Bio-technology as an eligible subject in the higher secondary stage in order to be eligible to appear in All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT) for 15% merit positions for the medical colleges of India. Through notification dated 710.2010, MCI has amended the 'Regulation on Graduate Medical Education, 1997' and the candidates who have opted for Bio-technology as an elective subject in place of Biology at +2 level are now eligible to appear in medical entrance examination.

(c) The request of CBSE was not to include biotechnology as a subject in the pre-medical entrance test, but to make it a qualifying subject at +2 level for eligibility to appear in the entrance test.