

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMMON APTITUDE TEST FOR ADMISSION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 44 Central universities have agreed `in principle` to use a common aptitude test alongwith class XII marks to admit undergraduate students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the date from which the test would be applicable; and
- (d) the effect such a test is likely to have on students from rural and underdeveloped areas?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) In a Conference of Vice-Chancellors of 39 Central Universities held in 2010, there was a consensus that the present college/ institution specific system of admission to undergraduate courses places immense burden on the students and applicants as well as parents. Therefore, the admission procedure needs to be modified in a manner that the marks obtained in class 12 and the scores obtained in a common national level aptitude test should get appropriate weightage. It will save students from taking multiple entrance tests conducted by different universities at different places and on different dates and will save the expenses as well. It will enable candidates from all over the country to seek admission in any of the Central Universities. Core Committee of Vice Chancellors have submitted their report and a Task Force in the Ministry has been constituted to work out the modalities for implementation of the report.