

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

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COMMON ENTRANCE TEST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Council has strongly recommended a common entrance test for higher education, including medical and technical courses, in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Advisory Council had made certain suggestions/recommendations in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to have a relook at the entrance examination system in the country;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Council has recommended that there should be only one national examination which should be able to assess the eligibility of the candidates.
- (e) to (g): The Government has setup a Committee headed by Dr. T. Ramasami, Secretary, Department of Science & Technology to assess the examination and admission system in engineering programmes. The committee has not yet submitted its report.