

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

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ADMISSION PROCESS OF IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a Committee for changes in the admission process of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) under the Chairmanship of Prof. Damodar Acharya;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details and its salient recommendations thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which its report is likely to be submitted?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. A Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Damodar Acharya was formed to explore possible alternatives to the present IIT-JEE, AIEEE and other State Joint Entrance Examinations for admission to engineering programmes in the country. The Committee has submitted its report. 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.