

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

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SINGLE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an expert panel has recommended to hold a single entrance examination for admission into various engineering colleges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations of expert panel and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the common entrance examination would also cover the prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to maintain the quality of entry to the IITs while holding a common test; and
- (f) the time by which the new system is likely to be operational?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): With the objective to reduce the burden on students on account of multiplicity of entrance examination and that any new system has to recognize the diversity of learning within the country, the Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in its 41st meeting, held on 10.09.2010, constituted a Committee headed by Dr. T. Ramasami, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, to assess the examination and admission system in engineering programmes. The Council of IITs in its 43rd meeting held on 14.09.2011, deliberated the report of the Committee, in detail, and decided that for admission to undergraduate programmes in Science and Engineering weightage be given to the marks obtained by the students in class XIIth board examinations after scientific statistical normalization of the performance vis-à-vis the average performance of other students appearing in the respective board examination. It was also decided to place the report before the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) and State Education Ministers so that the new system could be put in place by the academic session 2013-14.