

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:35
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2012
COMMON ENTRANCE TEST
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to hold Common Entrance Test for all the engineering colleges run by the Union/State Governments including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some State Governments have expressed their reservation over inclusion of the engineering colleges affiliated to the State Universities in the Common Entrance Test; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 35 FOR 14.03.2012, ASKED BY SHRI A.K.S. VIJAYAN AND SHRI FRANCISCO SARDINHA REGARDING "COMMON ENTRANCE TEST".

(a) to (d): Multiplicity of entrance examinations for admission to engineering institutions has been a cause of concern. The burden imposed on the students in terms of time, payment of examination fees and the stress caused in scheduling and preparing for each examination is tremendous and the anxiety and trauma on both the students and parents have been highlighted on numerous occasions. In this context, there is a proposal to hold a Common National Examination with weightage to State Board results normalized on the basis of percentile formula for admission to engineering institutions. The States may decide to adopt the same pattern of admission with appropriate weightages for State Board marks and National Examination for admission to the engineering institutions affiliated to state universities or continue with their prevalent system as they may deem fit. However, for admission to Central Educational Institutions, the common test is proposed to be operationalized by 2013.

While the proposal was endorsed 'in principle' by the State Ministers in the State Education Minister's Conference held on 22nd February, 2012, certain states like the states of Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, Puducherry and West Bengal sought more time to study the proposal. The Central Government has initiated steps to finalize the details for the common examination process in consultation with all the stakeholders, including States.