

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

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

- (a) whether the T. Ramasami Committee has submitted its report to the Government regarding conducting a common entrance test for engineering and science courses;
- (b) if so, the details of the major recommendations of the report;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations of the said committee; and
- (d) if so, 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): Yes, Sir.

(b): Based on the discussions held with various stakeholders, as also the results obtained through online public opinion poll, the T. Ramasami Committee recommended that there ought to be a single national examination for engineering to test for aptitude and advance domain knowledge, or for aptitude alone, to supplement the weightage given to performance in Class XIIth examination. Further, on the basis of a pilot test carried out by the Indian Statistical Institute in respect of evaluations made for 3-4 years by the four selected Boards, the Committee opined that a statistical method for normalisation of School Board was feasible.

(c): The Council of IITs, in its 43rd meeting held on 14.09.2011, deliberated the Committee's Report in details and approved in principle to hold a Common National Examination with weightage to State Board results, normalised on the basis of percentile formula, for admission to engineering institutions. The proposal was also endorsed 'in principle' by the State Ministers in the State Education Ministers' Conference held on 22nd February, 2012.

(d): Steps have been initiated to finalize the common examination process in consultation with all the stakeholders before its actual implementation.