

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:472
ANSWERED ON:09.05.2012
COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
Bajirao Shri Patil Padamsinha ;Bhoi Shri Sanjay

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of reservation expressed by Senate/ Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) over the proposed common entrance test including AIEEE and other central Government institutions and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the IITs faculty have given an alternative proposal for the purpose of holding a common test;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether all the stakeholders have been consulted over this issue;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the views expressed by the stakeholders; and
- (f) the present status of the proposal/ matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
12th Position

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 472 FOR 09.05.2012, ASKED BY SHRI SANJAY BHOI AND SHRI B.B. PATIL REGARDING "COMMON ENTRANCE EXAMINATION".

(a) to (f) : The Council of Indian Institutes of Technology has in its meeting on 14.9.2011 endorsed, in principle, the proposal of a Common Entrance Examination for Under-graduate programmes in Engineering. Alternative options for common admission test for Under-graduate Engineering courses have been suggested, including by Senate and faculty of IITs. The Government has constantly been in touch with IITs and other stakeholders to understand and appreciate their views on the subject. A Core Committee of senior academics has interacted with the faculty of some of the IITs. The proposal for Common Entrance Examination has also been considered in detail by the Senates of seven older IITs. Differing observations have been made in regard to different options and dependability of proposed normalization of Board marks through percentile formula, the weightage to be given to the Board level examination, the eligibility criteria, methodology of selection, the year of introduction of proposed changes.

The views expressed by the Senates are proposed to be discussed in a meeting of the Council of IITs convened on 12th May, 2012.