

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for holding single entrance test for admission in all Central Universities;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the said plan and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has consulted Vice-Chancellors of these Universities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the opinion of Vice-Chancellors of these Universities in this regard; and
- (e) whether the modalities for release of non-plan grants, parameters for appointing teaching/non-teaching staff, internal audit system in Central Universities and the measures contemplated to attract young academicians to such Universities have been finalised and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) The Central Universities (CUs) are autonomous bodies established through an Act of Parliament and are governed by their Act, Statutes and Ordinances made thereunder. All academic matters, including the admission of students, are decided by the Statutory Authorities of the Central University concerned. Seven Central Universities are already conducting a Common Entrance Test. In a Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities held in 2010, there was a consensus that the present college/institution - specific system of admission to undergraduate courses places an immense burden on the students as well as their parents. If there is a Common Entrance Test, it will save students from taking multiple entrance tests conducted by different universities at different places and on different dates and will save on the related expenses as well. It will enable candidates from all over the country to seek admission to any of the Central Universities. The proposed admission procedure envisages freedom to each University to assign suitable weightage to marks obtained in the class 12 Board exams and the scores of the Common Entrance Test. In the conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and in the meeting of the Council of Vice Chancellors of Central Universities held in 2012, it was decided that the Common Entrance Examination should test the general and subject- related aptitude through a single examination and should be held both in English and Hindi. Minority CUs and Unique CUs may have the option to participate in the Common Entrance Test and special courses such as fine/performing arts would be given separate treatment. The Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Tamil Nadu has been given the responsibility to prepare a document in consultation with Vice-Chancellors of other Central Universities to take this farther.

(c) No, Sir. The Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities themselves took a collective decision for the Common Entrance Test.

(d) In view of (c) above, question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.