

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

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NATIONAL LEVEL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL COURSES

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

(a) whether the Government has initiated steps for introducing unified national level entrance examination for some professional courses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Programme of Action (PoA) 1992 under the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 envisages the conduct of a Common Entrance Examination on an All India basis for admission to professional and technical programmes in the country.

A Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to the undergraduate programmes in engineering would be conducted in two parts, JEE-MAIN and JEE-ADVANCED. Also, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has started a national level Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) Examination twice in a year for admission to management programmes for the year 2012-13.