

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

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ONLINE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a number of higher educational institutions in the country are now conducting entrance examinations online;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering any norms for the conduct of these examinations and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study of the hardships being faced by the handicapped students from rural areas and economically weaker sections; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The Joint Entrance Examinations (JEE)-Main 2013 for admission to the under-graduate (UG) engineering programmes in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs), the Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), and other Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs) is being conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in online mode in 31 cities as well as in offline mode in 82 cities all over the country and abroad. The alternative option of offline examination is also available to the candidates who do not want to appear in the online mode examination. Amanuensis (scribe) belonging to Class XI of Commerce / Humanities stream without Mathematics will be provided on request to the visually handicapped (blind) candidates appearing in JEE (Main) and one hour extra time will be allowed to them.

The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is conducting the Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) twice a year for admission in the AICTE approved institutes for the academic session of 2013-14. The Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are conducting a computerised Common Admission Test (CAT) for admission to the IIMs since 2009. For the benefit of the disabled candidates, Testing Assistive devices (TA devices), also known as technical aids, are designed to directly enable people with disabilities to perform a particular task successfully. Magnifying Screens are provided by the CAT test centres for the Visually Impaired students.