

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

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COMMON ENTRANCE TEST FOR PG M. PHIL PHD

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a committee of vice-chancellors of Central Universities for admission to Post-Graduate, M.Phil and PhD courses in Central Universities across the country;
- (b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the main recommendations of the report;
- (d) the present status of these recommendations and the reaction of the Government thereon;
- (e) whether there is a proposal to introduce common entrance test for admission in under-graduate courses and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The Committee has recommended, inter alia, that admission in Post Graduate Courses may be made on the basis of the performances in the Common Entrance Test and the qualifying graduate examination with suggested weightage of 50% to each. The Common Entrance Test (CET) may consist of the scholastic aptitude and knowledge of relevant subjects in which admission is sought. Admission in M.Phil./Ph.D. should be based on the performance in the National Eligibility Test of the University Grants Commission and the Junior Research Fellowship examination of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. The Universities would be free to conduct their own interviews, however, the weightage of the interview should not be more than 15 per cent.

(d) & (f) The Central Universities are autonomous bodies established through their respective Acts and are governed by their Acts and Statutes and Ordinances made thereunder. All academic matters including admission of students are decided by the statutory authorities of the Central University concerned. Accordingly, the report of the Committee has been forwarded to all concerned including the University Grants Commission for appropriate action. In the academic year 2012-13, 7 new Central Universities joined the Common Entrance Test, while for the Academic year 2013-14, this number has gone by a further three to a total of 10.

(e) In the meeting of the Council of Vice Chancellors of the Central Universities held on 25.10.2012, it was decided to utilize the experience of seven new Central Universities in conducting the Common Entrance Test, for holding such test for all the Central Universities at Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels.