

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

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NEWLY CHANGED PERCENTILE FORMAT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many students were severely affected by the newly changed percentile format for admission in all the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for introducing this new percentile format;
- (c) whether many students and their parents have given representations and protested against the newly changed percentile format; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by the Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. In the new scheme of the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Advanced), only the top 1.5 lakh candidates (including all categories) based on their performance in the JEE (Main) qualify to appear in the JEE (Advanced) examination. The admissions to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are based only on their category-wise All India Rank in JEE (Advanced), subject to the condition that such candidates are in the top 20 percentile of successful candidates in class XII examinations conducted by their respective Boards in applicable categories. The admission to the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) are based on combined merit list created by giving 40% weightage for performance in class XII Board marks normalized on percentile basis with the remainder 60% weightage for performance in the JEE (Main). This system has been applied uniformly to all the candidates, and, therefore, the chances of students getting affected does not arise.
- (b): Percentiles are a good basis of comparing different Boards and they are non-discriminatory. They take into account the variations in examinations conducted by different Boards. Based on this year's examination data, the cut-off percentile score for top 20 percentile varies from one Board to another. Since different Boards evaluate differently, percentiles have been used to ensure a fair comparison of students belonging to different Boards.
- (c) & (d): A few representations have been received in the Ministry and some petitions have also been filed in various High Courts of the country which now stand transferred to the Supreme Court of India.