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Title: Need to provide four attempts to SC, ST & OBC students in the proposed Indian Science Engineering Eligibility Test to be conducted from 2013.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): It is learnt that Indian Science Engineering Eligibility Test (ISEET) will replace the IIT Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and the All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) in 2013. Over 17 lakh students are likely to appear in the proposed ISEET examination. Since this examination is the door to country's premier science and engineering institutions, it is important that students belonging to weaker sections are provided a fair chance. Recently the Joint Admission Board of IITs has rejected a proposal by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for providing more attempts to SC/ ST students. Two attempts provided for this examination put students of weaker sections at great disadvantage. I appeal to the Government to provide at least four attempts to SC/ST and OBC students in the proposed ISEET and conduct the examination twice a year so they are not deprived of their right to study in country's premier institutions.