

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

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COMMON ADMISSION TEST  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering to change the present rules and guidelines for Common Admission Test (CAT) for admission to IIM other MBA Institutions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the basis on which the Examination system is being revised ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) Earlier, vide orders dated 10th October, 2003, it was inter-alia decided that admissions on All India basis to the MBA/PGDM (or equivalent) programmes in all institutions in the country for the academic year 2004-05 shall be made through one of the five (5) national entrance tests, namely – CAT (conducted by IIMs), JMET (conducted by IITs), MAT (conducted by AIMA), ATMA (conducted by AIMS) and XAT (conducted by XLRI). These tests shall be conducted independently, subject to the condition that these are objective and transparent. All institutions admitting students on All India basis will have to opt for one of these exams. It was also decided that admissions to these programmes shall be made through a single common All India test from the academic year 2005-06. In view of varying nature of examinations and differenteligibility criteria for different programmes in various institutions, it has been decided vide a resolution dated 17-06-2004 to maintain the status quo and continue with the above mentioned five national entrance tests instead of one single common entrance test for the academic year 2005-06