

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

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ADMISSION IN IITs  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to develop a new system for making competitive exams for admission in most prestigious educational institutes like Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) more transparent and realistic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received complaints from various quarters in this regard;
- (d) if so, whether the Government propose to constitute a committee of experts to review the said inconsistencies and anomalies of the examination system;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government propose to increase the number of seats in said institutes from 2007-08 onwards; and
- (g) if so, the number of seats proposed to be increased?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a)&(b): From 2007 onwards the following features have been incorporated in Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) for admission to IITs :  
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- (i) It will be a single-tier exam based on objective-type questions with two papers, each of 3 hours' duration, each consisting of separate sections in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics;
- (ii) Question papers will be retained by students;
- (iii) Model answers will be put up on websites of all IITs!; and,
- (iv) Performance card will be sent to each student.

These changes have been made to reduce the stress on the students and introduce a mechanism to assure the fairness of the examination.

(c)&(d): A Committee of experts consisting of Directors of Indian Institute of Technology (IITs), Indian School of Mines (ISM) & Institute of Technology-Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU) and all JEE Chairmen and Vice- Chairmen already exists which takes all necessary steps from time to time to improve the system.

(e): Do not arise.

(f)&(g): The decision to increase the number of seats is taken by the Institutes themselves.