

**Admission policy in Central universities**

†39. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated a policy for admission in the Central universities through Common Entrance Test (CET);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when this policy would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. In a Conference of the Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities held in 2010, there was a consensus that the present institution - specific system of admission test places an immense burden on students as well as parents. If there is a Common Entrance Test, it will save the students from taking multiple entrance tests conducted by different universities at different places and on different dates and will save on related expenses as well. It will enable candidates from all over the country to seek admission in any of the Central Universities (CU). As the CUs are autonomous bodies established through their respective Acts of Parliament and are governed by their respective Acts, Statutes and Ordinances, all academic matters including the admission of students are decided by the Statutory Authorities of the Central University in question. Out of the 39 conventional CUs under the purview of the Ministry, 10 newly established Central Universities are currently participating in Common Entrance Test.

**Introduction of FYUP in DU**

40. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that four year undergraduate programme (FYUP) in place of three years has been introduced in the University of Delhi (DU);
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and whether the same course has been introduced in other Central Universities also; and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for introduction of the same in the university?

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