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Secretariat of the Council of IITs
Technical Section – 1

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated 22nd November, 2011

Subject: Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Council of IITs held on 14.09.2011

Corrigendum

1. Reference is invited to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 1st November, 2011, circulating the Minutes of the 43rd meeting of the Council of IITs, held on 14th September, 2011.
2. The minutes in respect of item No. 43.13 may be substituted as under:

Item No. 43.13: Presentation by Dr. T Ramasami, Chairman, BoG, IIT Ropar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology on “Assessment of examination and admission system in engineering programmes”

1. At the outset, Dr. T. Ramasami, Chairman, BoG, IIT, Ropar and Secretary, Department of Science and Technology made a comprehensive presentation on 'Alternative System for Admission'. Based on the discussion held with the various stakeholders, as also the results obtained through online public opinion poll, the Committee came to the conclusion that there ought to be a single national examination to test the aptitude and advanced domain knowledge or for aptitude alone to supplement the weightage given to performance in class XIIth examination. To overcome the issues pertaining to the scores awarded by various school boards in the country, the Committee got a pilot testing carried out by the Indian Statistical Institute in respect of evaluation made for 3-4 years by the four selected boards, namely, CBSE, Tamil Nadu Board, West Bengal Board and Indian School Examination (ISE) and came to the conclusion that a statistical method for normalization of school board scores are feasible. For the purpose, Dr. Ramasami placed six options before the Council and also indicated certain preference(s) of the Committee.

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2. The Council, after detailed deliberations, decided that for admission to undergraduate programmes in Science and Engineering weightage be given to the marks obtained by the students in class XIIth board examinations after scientific statistical normalization of the performance vis-a-vis the average performance of other students appearing in the respective board examination. It was also decided that while the Directors of IITs would send their detailed views/ comments in the matter at the earliest, the Committee would finalize its report within a period of one month. The Ministry would, however, ask Indian Statistical Institute to test check the evaluations made for 3-4 years by some other school boards as well so that the statistical method for normalization of school board scores being contemplated could be put to a much greater degree of testing. There was a consensus in the Council that such a judicious mix of school and national level test performance will usher in an alternative admission system wherein multiplicity of tests and dependency on coaching would get reduced in a great measure, aligning the testing process to class XIIth syllabus.
3. It was decided that the report, which has been accepted by the IIT Council, would also be placed before the CAGE and State Education Ministers so that the new system could be put in place by the academic session 2013-14.

[Action: MHRD]

3. This has the approval of the competent authority.

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