

All India IIT Faculty Federation



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To,
Shri Kapil Sibal
Honorable Cabinet Minister & Chairman, IIT Council
Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi

Subject: Request for the IIT Council Meeting, with participation from Senates and AIITFF representatives on the matter of undergraduate admissions to the IITs

Dear Sir:

The consolidated majority views of the various IIT Senates with regards to undergraduate admissions to the IITs were sent to you last week, well ahead of the IIT Council meeting on May 12, 2012. We are confident that these views would have been upheld and appropriate recommendations / decisions would have taken place during this Council meeting. As you are aware, the Senates views should form the basis for the decisions pertaining to any academic matter, including the admission process. We will appreciate receiving information about the discussions, recommendations and decisions taken during the above meeting at the earliest. In fact, we expected that we will be invited to the IIT Council meeting held on May 12, 2012, to present the consolidated majority views of the Senate.

As agreed upon during our meeting on April 11, 2012, we request that the next IIT Council meeting be held at the earliest, with participation from the representatives from the various IIT Senates and the AIITFF. As suggested by you, this meeting can deliberate all the relevant issues and come up with the final proposal, including the start date (2014) of the implementation of the proposed changes to the undergraduate admissions to the IITs, keeping in mind the majority Senates views. This mechanism was mutually agreed upon so as to ensure the implementation of Senate resolutions in a transparent way.

We learn from media reports that a joint IIT and NIT Council meeting is planned shortly. We feel strongly that our above requested meeting (IIT Council with Senate and AIITFF representatives) should be held before the IIT – NIT joint meeting, so that in that joint meeting the process for the IITs undergraduate admission can be presented without any ambiguity.

It is once again requested that the AIITFF should be informed about the decisions taken by the May 12, 2012 IIT Council meeting on the issue of JEE, and a meeting with the AIITFF and Senate representatives be convened at the earliest.

Thanking you and with kind regards,

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cc: All Directors of the IITs, Prime Minister's Office

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