

Daily updates on CAT sought

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IN the wake of technical glitches disrupting the computerised Common Admission Test, the Government has asked for daily updates on the entrance test, the Lok Sabha was told on Wednesday.

The convener of CAT 2009 has been asked to furnish the updates on daily basis, Minister of state for HRD D Purandeswari said in a written reply.

The test, which was conducted by an American firm, Prometric for 11 days, ended on December 8. However, a few thousand students are yet to write the test, which was marred by virus attack and other technical glitches from the beginning.

Conducting the entrance involved 361 servers across the country for the 11 days, amounting to 3,971 server-days, she said adding, of these, 192 server days were down during the testing period. PTI

Pen-pencil CAT history: IIMs

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MAINTAINING that the pen and pencil format of the Common Admission Test (CAT) was history, the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) on Wednesday announced that they have decided to continue with the computer-based test (CBT) for CAT-2009.

The CAT committee made this announcement after a meeting with senior HRD Ministry officials here.

The committee also decided to conduct a fresh test in mid-January for those genuine students who could not appear for the November 28-December 8 entrance test.

"The IIMs have decided to continue with the computer-based test for 2009. We also look forward to continue the CAT through computer-based testing in future," IIM Ahmedabad director Prof Samir Baruah said.

According to the committee, nearly 2.42 lakh candidates had registered for the CAT-2009 but only 2.16 lakh aspirants took the test. Around 24,000 candidates did not show up for the test.

The committee is in the process of setting up a system to identify the genuine students who failed to appear in the test.

