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JAB AGENDA ITEM and RESOLUTION

Master K.Kireeti and others have challenged the JEE 2013 entrance test to be conducted for admission into the undergraduate programmes at all IITs, in the Andhra Pradesh High Court at Hyderabad, vide Writ Petition No.32533 of 2012. They had sought suspension of the notification of JEE 2013 to the extent of regulation of admission into IITs for 2013-2014 on the basis of the norm of “being within the 20 percentile of the successful candidates in Class XII /equivalent examination conducted by the respective Boards” in the interest of justice.

In the judgement on the above writ petition, the Hon’ble Sri Justice L. Narasimha Reddy categorically stated that ‘this Court is not inclined to agree with the contention that the percentile system is unconstitutional’. However, the Hon’ble Justice observed that the intermediate course in the State of Andhra Pradesh is of two years duration and the percentage of marks secured by a student is the aggregate of the marks secured in the I and II years. He observed that the petitioners were not aware of the proposed system when they were studying in the first year. He directed the respondents to examine the disadvantage which the petitioners may have suffered *vis-a-vis* their un-preparedness in the present system when they were studying in the first year of intermediate examination. He also directed the respondents to release a press note in this behalf within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The Hon’ble Justice’s observations and directions were considered by the Joint Admission Board(JAB) of JEE(Advanced)-2013 through e-circulation and the JAB had resolved”*It is a matter of fact that Andhra Pradesh as well as some other State Boards uses both class XI and class XII results while many other State Boards use only class XII results. This fact is not of consequence to all the students in a State Board as students get percentile ranks based only on how they perform vis-à-vis other students of the same Board giving the examination in the same year. Now, as far as the students who are going to give their Andhra Pradesh class XII examination in 2013 are concerned, their results will be compared only with that of other students who give their examination in 2013. The performance of the students of 2012 and the fact that they will be governed by the 60% rule will have no bearing on the percentile rank of 2013 students. All students in this batch have given their class XI examination without knowing of the new rule and so no one is at any advantage or disadvantage. Therefore, JAB resolves that there is no need to change the proposed scheme.*”

It has been brought to the notice of Chairman JAB, the Organising Director of JEE(Advanced)-2013 that Andhra Pradesh Board will provide separately the marks of class XII for the calculation of top 20 percentile and hence the concern of the Hon'ble Justice regarding the students of Andhra Pradesh can be taken care of. Hence the JAB of JEE(Advanced) resolves the following:

The cutoff percentage for the top 20 percentile calculation in case of Andhra Pradesh Board students will be calculated on the basis of class XII marks provided by their Board like many other Boards. For other Boards also, which compute their class XII results using marks secured in class XI as well as class XII, the top 20 percentile calculation will be based on the marks of class XII, provided the Board makes this information available to the JAB/COBSE.
