

IIM heads meet tomorrow; demand for scrapping CAT

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LIVID over thousands of students failing to appear in the computer-based (CAT), the government has convened a meeting of IIM directors on Wednesday even as the IIM faculty has demanded scrapping of the entrance test which was marred by technical glitches.

The faculty associations of IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore and IIM Kolkata have passed separate resolutions seeking scrapping of the test. A few thousand students could not write the test due to virus attack and other technical problems.

Unhappy over the way the CAT was conducted, the Human Resource Development Ministry has convened a meeting of IIM directors on Wednesday to express its concerns. Higher Education Secretary Vibha Puri Das will chair the meeting of IIM directors to discuss the issue in detail, a Human Resource Development Ministry official said.

Human Resource Development Minister Kapil Sibal has already expressed displeasure over stu-

Around 8,500 candidates could not appear for the CAT in the first four days owing to a computer virus attack

dents facing problem during the computerised test which was marred by glitches from its beginning. The issue was raised in Parliament when BJP members criticised the government for the fiasco. The test, which was supposed to be taken by 2.41 lakh students, was conducted by an American firm Prometric in a staggered manner over 11 days. However, all candidates failed to appear in the test due to the virus attack.

It is understood that the IIM directors are divided over whether they should scrap the computerised CAT which was conducted by American firm Prometric. *PTI