

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 24
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022**

Common Entrance Test

**24. SHRI D.K.SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the new National Education Policy, the Government is exploring the feasibility of holding a common entrance test for undergraduate admissions across Central Universities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has sought views of eminent educationists and experts in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any timeframe has been fixed to conduct a common entrance test for varsities;
- (e) if so, details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has requested University Grants Commission to set up a Committee to go into the nitty-gritty of implementation of National Education Policy recommendations about common entrance test; and ?
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (g) In pursuance of the National Education Policy, 2020, it has been decided to conduct common entrance test for admission in central universities from the academic year 2022-23 to reduce the burden on students, universities and the entire education system. The University Grant Commission (UGC) constituted a committee to examine the nitty-gritty of implementation of common entrance test and recommended to introduce Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for admission in the central universities to be conducted by the National Testing Agency. The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for undergraduate programme is to assess the students of different boards at the same level, giving them equal opportunity. It is convenient for students as they can apply to more than one universities as per their choice with one application form. They can appear in the test in 13 languages over hundreds of examination centres. The syllabus for undergraduate level is based on the understanding of subject at class XII level, irrespective of affiliations to any board.
