

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

Impact of Entrance Examinations on Reservation

3505. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any study or survey on the impact of entrance examinations on reservations in education, opportunities of rural students and first-generation learners from marginalised communities entering into institutes of higher learning and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any study or analysis of the results of various entrance examinations and prepared reports on the representation of students from different communities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the entrance examinations has impacted the reservation policy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the impact of entrance examinations is creating a skewed playing field that disproportionately favours students from urban and economically strong backgrounds and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Government has undertaken a number of initiatives, including providing financial assistance to rural students and first generation learners from marginalized communities, keeping certain percentage of seats reserved for students from disadvantaged communities for creating a level playing field for all students. The Government has introduced the National Test Abhyas App to help and support candidates in their preparation. The National Test Abhyas is an AI-powered app for conduct of mock tests for JEE Main, NEET and other competitive exams. The App gives immediate feedback to the students so that they know the areas for improvement.
