

Title: Problems due to Change in Recruitment process of GATE candidates in PSUs.

SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND (VELLORE): Thank you, Chairman, Sir. The public sector undertaking companies like ONGC, IOC, NLCIL and many others consider GATE course for recruitment to their Graduate Trainee Engineer post. Candidates who want to appear in the PSU interview have to qualify GATE 2023 cut-off for PSUs. This will be a big burden on the students from the rural areas who have studied under the various State Boards. The hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has also written in this regard to the Government of India.

This is a deviation from the past practice. Earlier, priority was accorded while recruiting in various positions, including the Graduate Trainee Engineers, to those who used to give their lands for building up of these factories and mining areas. At present, the PSUs have a considerable requirement of land for their operations. While acquiring land, there arises a very justifiable demand among the local people that the job opportunities should be provided to those families whose lands were acquired by PSUs. We consider that the local communities, especially those who have given their land and house sites for the development of the PSUs should be accorded priority in the process of recruitment to various positions for the public sector undertakings.

Further, the present sudden shift in the recruitment process to consider GATE marks for appointment would deprive the candidates who are poor, who are from rural background, and who are not in a position to attend the GATE course.

Therefore, I urge upon the Union Government to refrain from the decision to adopt GATE course for recruitment to the post of GTE in PSUs including NLCIL, NPCIL, ONGC, IOC, BHEL and to accord priority to those candidates whose families have given their lands for development of the PSUs.

Thank you.