

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 222
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

Mismanagement in Conducting Exams by NTA

222. SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:
DR. RANI SRIKUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of exams that have been postponed by National Testing Agency (NTA) from its scheduled date notified in the official notification during the last seven years, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for postponing many exams and the measures taken by the NTA to prevent such postponing;
- (c) whether the NTA is aware of the complaints raised by students regarding the centres being allotted in far-away places and inadequate infrastructures in centres for differently-abled people;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the grievance redressal mechanisms put in place to raise complaints?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) & (b) Since its inception in 2018, NTA has successfully conducted over 240 examinations involving over 5.4 crores students.

Since most of the examinations conducted by NTA are held in multiple-subjects, multiple-shifts and span over a number of days, there have been instances due to unforeseen circumstances like COVID-19 pandemic, logistical and technical issues, administrative issues, legal orders etc, when examination dates initially notified in respect of specific subjects/shifts could not be adhered to.

The Examinations as a whole have been postponed in some cases, list of which is enclosed as **Annexure**.

NTA has started declaration of Examination Calendar of major examinations, much in advance for the facilitation of candidates. The Examination calendar is planned taking into consideration, buffer days to accommodate for reschedules/postponements for reasons beyond the control of NTA.

(c) to (e) Centres are allotted to candidates through Computer Software as per City preference and availability of capacity in each centre. Efforts are made to allot centres in one of the city choices filled-in by the candidates. However, when the number of candidates is very large, some candidates may not be accommodated in cities opted by them. In such cases, NTA tries to accommodate them in nearby places. While allocating centres to differently-abled candidates, due care is taken to ensure that infrastructure is Divangjan friendly.

Complaints/Grievances of candidates are received through e-mails and Help Desk phone numbers. The same are resolved in a systematic manner.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (A) & (B) OF THE REPLY OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 222 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024 ASKED BY SMT. KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI, DR. RANI SRIKUMAR, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "MISMANAGEMENT IN CONDUCTING EXAMS BY NTA"

S. No.	Year	Name of the Examination	Reasons of Postponement
1.	2020	JEE (Main) - 2020	Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
2.	2020	NEET (UG) - 2020	Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
3.	2021	JEE (Main)-2021	Due to Second wave of COVID-19 Pandemic.
4.	2021	NEET (UG)-2021	Due to Second wave of COVID-19 Pandemic.
5.	2020	CSIR-UGC NET 2020	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and logistical challenges.
6.	2021	UGC NET December 2020 and May 2021 Cycles	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and logistical challenges.
7.	2020	ICAR AIEEA 2020	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and logistical issues.
8.	2020	DUET 2020 (UG/PG/MPhil/Ph.D.)	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, registration process was put on hold by DU.
9.	2021	CMAT 2021	Due to the revision of the examination pattern by the AICTE.
10.	2021	AIAPGET 2021	Due to COVID-19 pandemic.
11.	2021	JIPMAT 2021	Due to COVID-19 pandemic.
12.	2022	IGNOU Ph.D Entrance Exam	Due to the Administrative reasons.
13.	2023	Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B)/ Biotechnology Eligibility Test (BET)	As per consultation with Regional centres for Biotechnology
14.	2024	NCET 2024	Due to technical issues
15.	2024	CSIR NET 2024	Due to logistic issues
