

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF NET EXAMINATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has accepted final recommendations made by Mungekar Committee constituted by University Grants Commission (UGC) to review the National Eligibility Test (NET) examination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether UGC gives relaxation in the evaluation of the NET examination to OBC candidates;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether UGC does not declare result of the NET examination before the advertisement of next examination;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (g) whether the Government is contemplating to set up Centrally funded schemes of coaching for students belonging to OBC/SC/ST, preparing for the NET examination;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) the measures being taken by the Government to increase the representation of OBCs in passing of the said examination?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): In its report, the Committee constituted by the Government to review National Eligibility Test (NET) under Prof. Mungekar had, inter-alia, recommended that NET should be retained as a compulsory requirement for appointment of lecturer for instruction at both undergraduate and postgraduate level irrespective of the candidate possessing M. Phil or Ph.D degree. The Government has accepted this recommendation with exemption being provided to those who have obtained a Ph.D degree in accordance with the rigour and standards prescribed under regulations. Accordingly, UGC has notified the UGC (Minimum Qualifications required for the Appointment & Career Advancement of teachers in universities and institutions affiliated to it) 3rd Amendment Regulation, 2009 and the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M. Phil/Ph.D. Degree), Regulation, 2009 on 1st June, 2009.

Quality of teaching in higher education is a matter of great concern. When the Pay Review Committee recommendations in respect of teachers in colleges and universities were taken up by the Central Government, the salaries and other allowances for teachers, higher than those for the Group 'A' Civil Services was agreed to by the Government on the condition that the eligibility conditions would be tightened and qualifications would be of a high order. These steps would ensure that over time the best talent comes into the academic professions through a process of tightening entry and liberalizing pay and other incentives.

(c) & (d): University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced relaxation in evaluation for the candidates from Other Backward Category (OBC) from the UGC-NET examination conducted in June 2009.

(e) & (f): UGC normally declares the result of the NET examination before the closing date of receipt of applications for the next examination. However, according to the information furnished by UGC, the result of the UGC - NET held in June, 2009 was delayed due to the fact that place of evaluation i.e. Pune was severely affected by the swine flu epidemic and experts were not available for evaluation.

(g) to (i): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has a scheme of coaching persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Minorities, preparing them for the NET which is an essential eligibility condition for becoming a lecturer in universities/colleges. Under this scheme, coaching classes established by selected universities for which grant on 100% basis is made available by the UGC.