

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UGC NET EXAMINATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has proposed that Paper-III of UGC NET examination be converted into objective type from June 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether UGC has decided to examine the relevance and necessity of the NET examination;
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether a large number of NET qualified candidates of reserved categories (SC,ST and OBC) are not able to get jobs due to non-filling up of backlog vacancies reserved for them;
- (f) If so, the details of backlog vacancies identified, advertised and filled in Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) in direct recruitment quota so far;
- (g) whether there is urgent need for linking the release of funds to CEIs subject to filling up backlog vacancies; and
- (h) If so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that it has decided that UGC-NET will be conducted in objective mode from June, 2012 onwards. The details of Paper-III of UGC-NET are as follows:

Session	Paper	Number of Questions	Marks	Duration
Second	III	75 questions all of which are compulsory	75x2 = 150	2 1/2 Hours (01.30 p.m. to 04.00 p.m.)

The syllabus of Paper-III will remain the same. There will be no negative marking. The UGC decided to convert Paper-III in objective type, keeping in view requirements relating to objectivity in marking, transparency and reducing the inter and intra-examiner variability in marking of Paper-III, delays in declaration of NET results and recommendations of the NET moderation Committees etc.

(c) & (d): The UGC has reported that Commission, in its 483rd meeting held on 13th February, 2012 has decided that the relevance and necessity of the NET examination may also be examined in a separate meeting of the Commission.

(e) : While some back log vacancies exist in Central Educational Institutions (CEIs) also, large number of NET qualified candidates, including those belonging to reserved categories, are not able to get jobs due to reasons of persistence of vacancies in state institutions. The UGC has directed to all universities to fill up the remaining identified backlog vacancies for SCs, STs and OBCs as on 1.11.2008 and Persons with Disabilities as on 15.11.2009 by 31st March, 2012. The Government has also separately directed the Central Universities to fill up these vacancies.

(f): The details are being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

(g) & (h): Filling up of vacancies, including back-log vacancies is a continuous process. Moreover, many vacancies have arisen recently in CEIs due to enhancement of capacities on account of Oversight Committee approvals. Therefore linking release of grants to CEIs to filling up of vacancies is considered unnecessary at this juncture.