

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the candidates having Botany and Zoology subjects in Post Graduation are allowed to appear in National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any scheme to include Botany and Zoology subjects in place of Life Science; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have informed us that the candidates having Botany and Zoology subjects in Post Graduation are allowed to appear in the CSIR-UGC NET, conducted by the CSIR, in the main subject area 'Life Sciences'.

(c) & (d) : No, Madam. UGC-CSIR NET is conducted in five basic science subjects namely Chemical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and Physical Sciences. Candidates having post graduation in indicated subject specialisations are eligible to appear in these subjects. The subject Life Sciences has many subject specialisations such as Biochemistry, Biodiversity and Taxonomy, Biotechnology, Botany, Genetics, Microbiology, Physiology, Zoology etc. and candidates who have done masters in any of the above are eligible to appear in UGC-CSIR NET against this subject.