

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:313
ANSWERED ON:12.02.2014
ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN ONLINE MODE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of higher educational institutions in the country are now conducting entrance examinations in online mode;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any norms for the conduct of these examinations and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of the hardships being faced by disabled candidates from rural areas and the economically weaker sections in undertaking online examinations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government to address the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 313 FOR 12.02.2014 ASKED BY SHRI ANANTH KUMAR REGARDING ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN ONLINE MODE.

(a) & (b): Some agencies are conducting entrance examination in online mode for different higher educational institutions like (i) Common Admission Test (CAT) is conducted in online mode for admission to all IIMs, (ii) The AICTE conducts a national level Common Management Admission Test (CMAT) for admission in the management programmes and AICTE also conducts online Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT) since 2013 for admission in the post graduate programmes in pharmacy for academic year 2014-15, (iii) CBSE is also conducting JEE (Main) examination both in offline and online mode for entry into National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Centrally Funded Technical Institutions (CFTIs), Deemed Universities and other associated engineering institutions. The details of these exams is at Annexure-I.

(c): No, Madam. There are no common norms, as different agencies are conducting online entrance examination for different disciplines for different institutions, normally following accepted norms.

(d) & (e): The Ministry has taken note of the hardship faced by physically disabled candidates from rural areas and the students of reserved categories of SC/ST. Facilities and special provisions for disabled candidates, are provided in the online tests of CMAT and CAT. Students appearing for JEE Main have the option to take on line or off line test of JEE depending on their convenience. The details of the assistance allowed / provided are placed at Annexure-II.