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Title : Need to withdraw the decision to conduct National Level Premedical Examination on Easter Day.

DR. K.S. MANOJ (ALLEPPEY): Easter Sunday is the most holy Sunday for the entire Christian Community all over the world. It is an international holiday too. Christians would be involved in prayers and other rituals in the Church on that day. But it seems that our Union Public Service Commission is not aware of it. It has scheduled to conduct the National Level Premedical Examination on Easter Day. This year, it is on 16th April. Last year also, the UPSC decided to conduct the examination on Easter Day. In Kerala, people from all walks of life protested against that move and staged *dhama*, *rail roko* and other protests. Criminal cases are pending against many priests from the Diocese of Irinjalakuda in the Railway Court, Palakad.

So, I would request the hon. Minister to give necessary directions to UPSC to withdraw the decision to conduct the National Level Premedical Examination on Easter Day. I would also request the Central Government to withdraw the criminal cases pending against those who had protested against this move in the last year.