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Delay in studies and admission of students due to repeated cancellation of CUET

33 # Shri Ram Nath Thakur:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the students have faced delay in the studies and admission due to repeated cancellation of CUET conducted for admission in Central Universities for the year 2022-23;
- (b) last date for admission in Central Universities including Delhi University during the last three years and details of delay in admission this year;
- (c) whether the experts are of the view that it will adversely affect the studies of the students;
- (d) number of students who have taken admission in private universities due to repeated cancellation of the examinations; and
- (e) whether the cost of Graduation has increased for the students due to introduction of CUET?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (e) In pursuance of the National Education Policy, 2020, the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) was conducted for admission in central universities from the academic year 2022-23 to reduce the burden on students, universities and the entire education system. Accordingly, National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted this examination for approximately 14,90,293 candidates. These candidates had applied for 54,555 unique combination of subjects across 90 Universities. The scale of the test was huge and some difficulties were faced by the students due to technical and geo-climatic reasons and the test was rescheduled in these cases. However, overall process was managed successfully. In University of Delhi, the classes this year started earlier than the last year. Last date for admissions in the University of Delhi during the last three years were as follows: 31.08.2019 (2019-20), 15.01.2021 (2020-21) and 31.12.2021 (2021-22). There is no information that CUET has adversely affected the studies and it has resulted in cost escalation of graduation, rather one student has been able to apply to more than one university with single application. This has resulted in saving on cost and effort needed earlier to secure admission in there universities. Data on admission in private universities are not centrally maintained. The CUET was welcomed as a forward step in higher education by the academic fraternity.
