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Educational progress of disabled students

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) what initiatives and budgetary allocation Government has made for persons with physical and mental disabilities in various Government schools in the country;
- (b) how many disabled students from Central Government schools cracked competitive exams such as NEET, JEE, UPSC in the last five years, State-wise; and
- (c) how many disabled students from Central Government schools found employment in Government, post schooling and graduation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRIMATI ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 advocates full equity and inclusion as the cornerstone of education to ensure that all students are able to thrive in the education system. It also underscores within its framework, education of children with disabilities in order to ensure equitable quality schooling. The Samagra Shiksha scheme has been aligned with the recommendations of NEP 2020 to ensure that all children have access to quality education with an equitable and inclusive classroom environment in schools.

(b) & (c) The National Testing Agency (NTA), an autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, is conducting NEET (UG) & JEE (Main) since 2019.

The details of registered, appeared and qualified differently abled students in NEET (UG) and JEE (Main) from 2019- 2023 is as under:

Year	NEET (UG)			JEE (Main)		
	Registered	Appeared	Qualified	Registered	Appeared	Qualified
2019	5411	4953	2186	3952	3379	2992
2020	5741	4922	2137	3938	3322	2963
2021	6200	5894	2684	2936	2665	2292
2022	6485	6102	2717	2804	2480	2283
2023	8037	7819	3508	3189	3046	2871
Total	31874	29690	13232	16819	14892	13401