

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 102
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024

Cancellation of Examinations

102. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of examinations that were cancelled in the last three years;
- (b) the total number of examinations that were postponed due to paper leaks in the last three years;
- (c) whether the paper leaks happened in the last three years have been investigated, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 FOR REPLY ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING “CANCELLATION OF EXAMINATIONS” ASKED BY SHRI DEREK O’ BRIEN, HON’BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

(a) to (d):

- Examinations for Recruitment and for Admissions to Educational Institutions are conducted at both Central and State levels. These Examinations are conducted by different agencies of Central and State Governments. The Ministry of Education established the National Testing Agency (NTA) in 2018 as a specialized body to conduct examinations for entrance to Higher Education Institutions. Since its inception, NTA has conducted over 240 examinations involving more than 5.4 crore students.
- After the conduct of NEET(UG) 2024 Examination in May, 2024, certain cases of alleged irregularities/cheating/malpractices were reported. The Ministry of Education asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the entire gamut of alleged irregularities w.r.t. the NEET(UG) 2024 Examination. The Hon’ble Supreme Court in WP(Civil) 335/2024 and connected matters vide Order dated 23rd July, 2024 said that “At the present stage, there is an absence of material on the record to lead to the conclusion that the entire result of the examination stands vitiated or that there was a systemic breach in the sanctity of the examination.” Further, in compliance of the aforementioned order, the revised result of NEET(UG) 2024 Examination has been declared on 26th July, 2024.
- The UGC-NET June 2024 Examination held on 18.6.24 was cancelled after receipt of certain inputs alleging that integrity of the examination may have been compromised. The matter was entrusted to CBI for thorough investigation. NTA has informed the candidates that the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination shall now be conducted between 21st August, 2024 and 4th September, 2024 in Computer Based Test (C.B.T.) mode.
