

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 195  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

**Cancellation of National Level Examinations**

195. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that, many exam conducted by NTA during the year 2024 has been cancelled, postponed;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons for cancelling and postponing of each exam; and
- (c) the details of any national level examination cancelled, postponed conducted by any national level agency or institute or University in the last five years with reason for cancellation and postponement?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (c) NTA established in the year 2018 as a specialised body to conduct examinations for entrance to Higher Education Institutions. From its inception in 2018, NTA has successfully conducted over 240 examinations involving over 5.4 crores students. Since most of the examinations conducted by NTA are held in multiple-subjects, multiple-shifts and span over a number of days, there have been instances due to unforeseen circumstances like COVID-19 pandemic, logistical and technical issues, administrative issues, legal orders etc, when examination dates initially notified in respect of specific subjects/shifts could not be adhered to.

For the year, 2024, the list of examinations which as a whole have been postponed/cancelled is attached as **Annexure**.

Competitive Examinations are conducted by different bodies for Recruitment as well as for admission to Higher Educational Institutions. Data regarding examination specific incidents is not maintained centrally in the Ministry

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED IN THE REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 195 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024 ASKED BY SHRI ABDUL WAHAB, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "CANCELLATION OF NATIONAL LEVEL EXAMINATIONS"**

| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Name of Examination</b> | <b>Reasons of Postponment/ Cancellation</b>  |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1            | 2024        | NCET, 2024                 | Due to technical issues  |
| 2            | 2024        | CSIR, 2024                 | Due to logistic issues   |
| 3            | 2024        | UGC NET, June, 2024        | Cancelled to ensure transparency and sanctity of examination process on receipt of certain inputs. |

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