

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Cancellation of CUET

†893. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the students had to face delay in admission to Central Universities which consequently caused a lag to their academic education due to frequent cancellation of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) conducted for admission to the said Universities during the year 2022-23;
- (b) if so, the details of the last date of admission to the Central Universities including Delhi University and the period of delay during the last three years and the extent to which admissions got delayed this year, year-wise;
- (c) whether the adverse impact on the studies of students due to the said delay is being discussed by experts;
- (d) whether the cost of graduation of students completing their graduation through CUET has increased; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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 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 such 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 the students were able to apply to more than one university with single form and fee. This has resulted in saving on cost and effort needed to secure admission in the universities. Data on admission in private universities are not centrally maintained. A Committee of Experts consisting of professors of Indian Institutes of Technologies and Central Universities has been constituted to suggest improvements.
