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Marks required for OBC Students in NET/JRF Exams

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of percentage of marks required for the students belonging to OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) in post-graduation to appear in exams of National Eligibility Test and Junior Research Fellow and the percentage of marks required to be eligible for Assistant Professor;

(b) whether these students are eligible for Ph.D with 50 per cent marks; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the candidates belonging to the Other Backward Classes (OBC) [Non Creamy Layer (NCL)] category with 50% marks in their Master's degree or equivalent are eligible for appearing in National Eligibility Test (NET) and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) examination.

As per UGC (Minimum Qualifications for Appointment of Teachers and other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and other Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education) Regulations, 2018, a minimum of 55% marks at Master's level shall be the essential qualification for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor. However, a relaxation of 5% shall be allowed at the Master's level for the candidates belonging to OBC (NCL). These regulations are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4033931_UGC-Regulation_min_Qualification_Jul2018.pdf .

(b) & (c): In accordance with the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations 2022, the students belonging to OBC (NCL) are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme with 50% marks in post-graduation. These regulations are available at https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/0909572_Minimum-Standards-and-Procedure-for-Award-of-PhD-Degree.pdf?.

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