

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2888  
ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

**Exam Centres in Hilly Areas**

2888. SHRI LORHO S. PFOZE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that tribal students giving competitive examinations in Manipur like UPSC, SSC, etc. could not go to Imphal for their exams and have to go to Aizawl and other cities for the same;
- (b) if so, whether the Government could consider having exam centres for these exams in hill areas like Churachandpur, Ukhrul, Senapati, etc. so as to overcome the inconvenience of going to Aizawl which is around 12 hours journey by road from Churachandpur and involves a lot of financial expenditure; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for the same?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): In the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination, 2023 (held on 28.05.2023) and in the Recruitment Tests for Accounts Officer/ Enforcement Officer and Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner (APFC) in the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) (held on 02.07.2023), UPSC granted option to the candidates, who had opted Imphal as a Centre, to change and appear in any of the Centres, viz., Aizawl, Delhi, Dispur, Jorhat, Kohima, Kolkata and Shillong.

Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has three (3) centres viz, Imphal, Churachandpur and Ukhrul for conducting various exams in Manipur. However, for Multi-Tasking (Non-Tech.) Staff and Havaladar (CBIC & CBN) Examination, 2022, the candidates of Manipur were provided with alternative options of centres, such as Aizawl, Kohima etc. in the North-East. Further, candidates were also given options for change of centre of their preference anywhere in India.

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