

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 147
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.09.2020

Final year examinations in Colleges, Universities

147. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state: the time and manner in which the final year examinations in colleges, universities and other educational institutions across the country which are pending due to lock down are likely to be conducted?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines dated 29.04.2020 and revised guidelines dated 06.07.2020 on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in view of COVID-19 Pandemic. These guidelines are available on the website of the UGC. According to the revised guidelines dated 06.07.2020, the Universities are required to complete the examinations by the end of September, 2020 in offline (pen & paper)/ online/ blended (online + offline) mode following the prescribed protocols/ guidelines related to COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry has also issued a detailed SOP vide OM dated 06.07.2020 for conduct of examination, with precautions to be observed in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

Further, UGC revised guidelines and Ministry's OM dated 06.07.2020 were challenged before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Judgment dated 28.08.2020 has disposed of the batch of cases and ordered that if any State/Union Territory in exercise of its jurisdiction under Disaster Management Act, 2005 has taken a decision that it is not possible to conduct the final year/terminal semester examination by 30.09.2020, such State/Union Territory has the liberty to make an application to the UGC for extending deadline of 30.09.2020 for that State/Union Territory. The same shall be considered by UGC and rescheduled date communicated to such State/Union Territory, at the earliest.
