

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4822**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

**COMMON ENTRANCE EXAM FOR SOLDIERS**

4822. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Army has recently cancelled its Common Entrance Exam for recruitment of soldiers after a question paper leak;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of aspirants reported for test from various places;
- (c) whether similar instances of paper leak were reported in the past also and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any probe is ordered into the same and its findings thereof and the action, if any, taken against the culprits; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Common Entrance Examination (CEE) for recruitment of soldiers was cancelled prior to the conduct as the Question paper was purportedly leaked on the previous night. The examination was planned to be conducted at 39 exam centres pan India. A total of 22,257 aspirants were scheduled to appear in the exam.

(c) to (e): Four similar instances have come to light since 2015 after the adoption of new system of generating Computer Question Paper using automated process in coded CD form.

All five instances of paper leak are under investigation/have been taken to conclusion by Investigating agencies and are, presently, subjudice.

\*\*\*\*\*