

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1116  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021

**Eligibility for NET**

1116. DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prescribed minimum percentage of marks in post graduate degrees to appear in National Eligibility Test (NET) as a benchmark for competence of students for being a lecturer;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken note that this limit of minimum percentage has deprived many students to appear in NET;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): Under the provisions of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956, the UGC is mandated to take all steps for the promotion and co-ordination of University education and for determination and maintenance of standards of teaching, examination and research in Universities.

The UGC has informed that General/Unreserved/General-EWS candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination from universities/institutions recognized by UGC in Humanities and Social Science (including languages), Computer Science and Applications, Electronic Science etc. are eligible to appear in UGC-NET. Relaxation of 5% is allowed for candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer), Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Persons with Disability and Third gender.

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