

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

Common Test in Central Universities for UG and PG Courses

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the logic and justification of the Government for a common test from 2022-23 academic year in all Central Universities for Undergraduate and Post Graduate courses;

(b) whether it is reasonable to ask children coming from different and low socio-economic background to sit together and write centrally set paper after studying State syllabus to compete with CBSE syllabus and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the score in the entrance is also being used for admission into Ph.D. and, if so, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (c) In pursuance of the National Education Policy, 2020, it has been decided to conduct common entrance test for admission in central universities from the academic year 2022-23 to reduce the burden on students, universities and the entire education system. The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for undergraduate programme is to assess the students of different boards at the same level, giving them equal opportunity. Students may apply to more than one universities as per their choice with one application form thereby reducing financial burden and increasing access. They can appear in the test in 13 languages over hundreds of examination centres for admission. The syllabus for undergraduate level is based on the understanding of subject at class XII level, irrespective of affiliations to any board like CBSE, making a desirable change for the students of low socio-economic background. The CUET is concerned with Undergraduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) programmes only.
