

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2405
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

Entrance Exam for Admission in PhD

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the candidates who wish to pursue PhD from the next academic year may have to qualify an entrance exam conducted either by the University or through the existing National Eligibility Test;
- (b) whether the University Grants Commission has drafted new regulations which make the test mandatory for all candidates, including those joining PhD after under graduation or post graduation;
- (c) whether the doctoral candidates would be required to take up three courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that under Clause 5 of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 there is a provision for Entrance Test for admission in M.Phil/Ph.D. programme. This Regulation is available at [https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4952604_UGC-\(M.PHIL.-PH.D-DEGREES\)-REGULATIONS,-2016.pdf](https://www.ugc.ac.in/pdfnews/4952604_UGC-(M.PHIL.-PH.D-DEGREES)-REGULATIONS,-2016.pdf).

(b): UGC is in the process of revising the existing Regulation in accordance with the provisions of National Education Policy, 2020. The proposed regulation also has a provision for conducting entrance examination for pursuing Ph.D. degree for all candidates.

(c) & (d): The UGC has further informed that all candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programmes shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Department during the initial one or two semesters. The course work shall be treated as prerequisite for M.Phil./Ph.D. preparation. A minimum of four credits shall be assigned to one or more courses on Research Methodology. Other courses shall be advanced level courses preparing the students for M.Phil./Ph.D. degree.

The Department where the scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee.