

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3462  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

**Educational Challenges Faced by Students in Disaster Situation**

**3462. SHRI PRADYUT BORDOLOI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the educational challenges faced by students in disaster situations including appearing for scheduled competitive exams;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of national competitive exams that are conducted once a year and more than once a year respectively;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to conduct all national competitive examinations more than once a year and if so, the details of timeline set thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has also proposed to facilitate accessibility to entrance examination centres to students in disaster situations including flood-affected areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to ensure access to competitive examinations for higher education and jobs to students in areas annually affected by flood including Assam?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (f): Necessary measures are taken from time to time to facilitate the candidates, in disaster situations, including flood, to appear for entrance examinations, in relaxation of existing provisions. For instance, an opportunity was provided to the candidates in the flood affected Districts of Maharashtra, who could not appear in JEE (Main) 2021, to appear again in the examination. Similar facility was given to students in Silchar, Assam. Further, during the Pandemic, SOP on preventive measures to be followed while conducting examinations to contain spread of COVID-19, were issued.

Some of the examinations, which are conducted more than once a year are Joint Entrance Examination (JEE-Main), University Grants Commission -National Eligibility Test (UGC -NET), Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM), Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT), etc. Exams which are conducted once a year include Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced), Common Management Admission Test (CMAT), Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT), Jawaharlal Nehru University Entrance Examination (JNU EE), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) All India Entrance Examination for Admission, Delhi University Entrance Test (DUET). There is no proposal with the Government to conduct all the national competitive examinations more than once a year.

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