

Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, conducts periodic National Learners' Achievement Surveys. Two rounds of the National Learners' Achievement Survey for classes III, V and VIII and the third round of survey for class V have been conducted in 2001-2004, 2005-2008 and 2009-10 respectively, which reveal improvements in the overall learning levels of children in Mathematics and Language subjects in most States.

(c) and (d) To improve the learning levels of children, steps taken under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan include, *inter alia*, sanction of more than 19 lakh teachers to improve the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR), sanction of 1,94,574 primary school buildings, 1,07,682 upper primary school buildings, more than 18 lakh additional classrooms to improve school infrastructure, as well as in-service training for teachers, regular academic support to teachers and schools as well as free text books to children.

(e) Further more, under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE), Act, 2009, the National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) has notified the minimum qualifications and also made the holding of Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) mandatory to improve the quality standard of teachers.

UGC-NET examination

861. SHRI K.N. BALAGOPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaint has been received regarding the post-examination criteria change for the UGC-NET examination; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University Grants Commission (UGC), has informed that it had intimated the candidates in the Notification for UGC-NET, held in June, 2012, that the candidates are required to obtain minimum marks separately in Paper-I, Paper-II and Paper-III as given below:

Category	Minimum Marks (%) to be obtained		
	Paper-I	Paper-II	Paper-III
General	40(40%)	40(40%)	75(50%)
OBC	35(35%)	35(35%)	67.5(45%) rounded off to 68
SC/ST/PWD	35(35%)	35(35%)	60(40%)

It was also mentioned in the notification that only such candidates who obtain the minimum required marks in each paper separately, as mentioned above, will be considered for the final preparation of the results and that the final qualifying criteria for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and eligibility for Lectureship shall be decided by the UGC before the declaration of the results.

Although it was clearly stated in the notification that the final qualifying criteria would be decided by the UGC before the declaration of the results, it was mistakenly taken to be the final qualifying criteria by some candidates. The UGC has received some complaints in this regard, while some other candidates have gone to the extent of filing court cases on this issue.

Meanwhile, the Commission in its meeting held on 22/10/2012, set up a four-member Committee from among the Commission members to examine representations/grievances related to the result of the UGC-NET June, 2012 and revisit the results, if found necessary.

Accordingly, UGC prepared supplementary result, as per the recommendations of the Committee set up by UGC, which was declared on 12/11/2012. This was in addition to the candidates declared as qualified in the original results of June, 2012 that the UGC-NET declared on 18/09/2012.

Education for disaster management

862. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has issued any guidelines for imparting education in Disaster Management Plans to educate the students to face the natural calamity situations and if so, the details thereof;