

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;

(b) whether Government provides any financial assistance for setting up of infrastructural/logistical facilities to the institutions directly or through State Governments along with the details thereof; and

(c) the provision for States like Andhra Pradesh where the cyclones are frequent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) On the recommendation of 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission contained in its 3rd Report titled "Crisis Management from Despair to Hope" regarding introduction of "Disaster Management" as a subject in 'Management and Public Administration', the University Grants Commission (UGC) constituted an Expert Committee consisting of subject experts in Disaster Management. The Expert Committee framed the syllabus for an optional paper on Disaster Management at the Undergraduate level and syllabus for a short-term training course for UG teachers to be used by Academic Staff Colleges. The Commission considered the report of the Expert Committee on Disaster Management and approved the introduction of an optional paper on Disaster Management at the Undergraduate level across the universities/colleges. The Commission further decided that Disaster Management be introduced as one of the topics in Orientation and Refresher Courses offered by the Academic Staff Colleges. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is also running various courses in Disaster Management at Post Graduate and Doctoral level programmes.

Similarly, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has also introduced the topic of Disaster Management as a part of the school curriculum in Social Science.

(b) The UGC has provided financial assistance of Rs. 467.04 lakh to the Pondicherry University for starting M.Sc. course in Coastal Disaster Management at its Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM) Campus, Port Blair. Further, the UGC is also implementing a scheme of providing assistance to universities and colleges for overcoming damages caused by natural calamities/disastrous as a part of the general development assistance. The quantum of assistance under the scheme depends on the nature of calamities and availability of funds. The

damages/losses are ascertained based on the recommendations of the District Magistrate/Commissioner of the affected district. The financial assistance is on sharing basis in the ratio of 75% by UGC and 25% by the concerned State Government. During the XI Plan period, UGC released an amount of Rs.500 lakh to Pondicherry University for the damage caused by the recent Thane Cyclone which hit Pondicherry on 30.12.2011. UGC has also provided grants to the following colleges under the scheme:

1. ADM College, Nagapattinam (Tamil Nadu)	:	Rs. 33,60,000/-
2. TBML College, Porayar (Tamil Nadu)	:	Rs. 69,20,000/-
3. Periyar Arts College, Cuddalur (Tamil Nadu)	:	Rs. 54,92,000/-
4. Presidency College, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)	:	Rs. 1,42,00,000/-

(c) No separate provision has been made for the State of Andhra Pradesh. However, the universities and colleges of Andhra Pradesh are also covered under the scheme of providing assistance for overcoming damages caused by natural calamities/disasters.

#### **Opening of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh**

863. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request to open Kendriya Vidyalayas in Andhra Pradesh is pending with Government; and

(b) if so, the details of the request and the status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) 15 proposals have been received till date for opening of new Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in the State of Andhra Pradesh, out of which, 03 cases have been found feasible so far *i.e.* (i) Mahabubabad, Distt. Warangal (ii) CISF, NISA Hakimpet, Secunderabad and (iii) Miryalguda, Distt. Nalgonda. Opening of new KVs will be subject to necessary approvals and availability of funds. The details and status of the remaining 12 proposals is given in the Statement.