

more holistic, inquiry-based, discovery-based, discussion-based, and analysis based learning. The mandated content will focus on key concepts, ideas, applications, and problem solving."

### **Complications in conducting JEE and NEET examinations**

1328. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the concerns raised by the students and parents on conducting the JEE-NEET examinations;
- (b) the number of students who have written these examinations in the current year;
- (c) the number of students who had downloaded admit card for the examinations;
- (d) measures taken by the National Testing Agency (NTA) to ensure the safety and social distancing during the examinations;
- (e) whether there were large number of complaints regarding the failure of safety protocols at the examination centres, if so, whether Government has made any enquiry on the same; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'):  
(a) The National Testing Agency (NTA) who conducts JEE and NEET examinations has reported that the major concern raised by the students and parents was for postponing JEE and NEET examinations in September, 2020 in view of COVID-19 situation. However, the JEE (Main) April, 2020 as well as NEET (UG) 2020 have been successfully conducted from 01st to 06th September and 13th September, 2020 respectively, with necessary COVID-19 safety/ preventive measures in place, as per the directions of the Hon' ble Supreme Court of India *vide* order dated 17.08.2020 in W.P. (C) No. 812 of 2020.

(b) 6.35 lakh students appeared in Paper-I of JEE (Main) from 2nd to 6th September, 2020 for admission to B.E B. Tech courses, whereas, 0.61 lakhs students appeared in Paper-II of JEE (Main) on 01.09.2020 for admission to B. Arch and B. Planning courses. However, the total number of students who appeared in NEET (UG) 2020 (which is a pen & paper test), would be known after the scanning of individual

answer sheets and attendance sheets and computation of the same for arriving at the attendance figure of the students of this exam.

(c) 7.83 lakh students of JEE (Main) April/September 2020 have downloaded their Admit Card for Paper- I, whereas 1.03 lakh students have downloaded their Admit Card for Paper-II (meant for B.Arch and B.Planning). 15.22 lakh students of NEET (UG) 2020 have downloaded their Admit Card.

(d) NTA has issued detailed guidelines, in tune with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and as per the directions of the Hon Tria Supreme Court of India to all stakeholders *viz.*, exam centers, students, parents, escorts, public, etc., for adopting necessary safety/preventive measures in view of the COVID-19 pandemic during the examination. As part of the implementation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), the number of exam centers was increased for JEE (Main) 2020 from 570 to 660 per shift and for NEET (UG) 2020 from 2546 to 3862.

The State Government/District Administrations in concerned Districts were requested to extend necessary cooperation to the city coordinators/centre superintendents/Heads to ensure safety and social distancing measures at the examination centres. The DGPs/SPs were also requested to deploy adequate number of police personnel at each examination Centre for maintaining social distancing and crowd management.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

**Public consultation before releasing the new National Education Policy, 2020**

1329. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had made any wide consultation before implementing the new National Education Policy, 2020;

(b) if so, the details of consultation and the details of stakeholders contributing to the policy; and

(c) whether Government avoided any legislative oversight before implementing the National Education Policy, if so, the reasons therefor?