

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3390
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021**

Aptitude test for admission to Central Universities

3390 **Shri Rajeev Satav:**
Shri Sanjay Seth:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering high quality aptitude test for admission to undergraduate programmes of Central Universities from the 2021-22 academic session and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the advantage of conducting the test for aspirants seeking admission;
- (c) whether Government has also set up a Committee to recommend modalities for conducting high quality aptitude test; and
- (d) the composition of the Committee and the time by when the Committee is likely to submit its report to Government?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')**

(a) to (d) New National Education Policy, 2020 envisions for common entrance test for different subjects for admissions in universities to reduce burden on students, universities and colleges and the entire education system. The applicants can apply in any Central University from a single application which will save time and expenses. Accordingly, this Ministry has requested University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up a Committee including Vice Chancellors of old and new Central Universities to go into the nitty-gritty of implementation of National Education Policy recommendations about common entrance test at Under-graduate level in Central Universities. The UGC has constituted a Committee which comprises Vice Chancellors of Central University of Punjab, Mizoram University, Central University of South Bihar, University of Delhi, BHU, Director General, National Testing Agency and Joint Secretary of UGC. The report of the Committee is expected by 31st March, 2021.
