

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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Protests against CUET

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the student protests going on against the CUET;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware of the rise in coaching institutes across the major cities in the country to train the students for CUET;
- (c) steps taken to ensure the representation of students from socially and economically backward families in admission as it will be highly competitive with mushrooming of coaching centers that many students from poor families cannot afford; and
- (d) the rationale behind choosing CBSE syllabus for CUET while large number of students in the country follow their respective State syllabus?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d) In pursuance of the National Education Policy, 2020, the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) was conducted for admission in central universities from the academic year 2022-23 to reduce the burden on students, universities and the entire education system. Accordingly, National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted this test for approximately 14,90,293 candidates. These candidates applied for 54,555 unique combinations of subjects across 90 Universities. The scale of the test was huge and some difficulties were faced by the students due to technical and geo-climatic reasons. However, overall process was managed successfully. The syllabus is based on the general understanding of subject at class XII level and therefore the test examines the students of different boards at equal footing and does not necessitate additional coaching. It supports the students of backward socio-economic classes as they are able to apply to more than one university with single form and fee. Moreover, admission in different Central Universities follows rules of reservation applicable to Higher Education Institutions. CUET is not based on CBSE syllabus.
