

ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
*** STARRED QUESTION NO.186**
DATE OF REPLY: 23-07-2026

Subject: Non-allotment of examination centres for TET and ADRE in Hailakandi District.

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Question:

Will the Minister of Education Department be please to state:

- a)** Whether the Government is aware that thousands of educated unemployed youths from Hailakandi District have to travel to other distant Districts to appear for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) and the Assam Direct Recruitment Examinations (ADRE) due to the complete non-allotment of Exam centres within Hailakandi?
- (b)** Whether it is a fact that national-level competitive Examinations like the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) has successfully established exam centres and executed operations within Hailakandi District using the existing local institutional infrastructure?
- (c)** If national-level exams like NEET find the infrastructure of Hailakandi completely viable, what specific administrative or logistical bottlenecks prevent the State Education Department and recruitment boards from allocating local exam centres for state-level exams like TET and ADRE?
- (d)** Whether the Government proposes to permanently set up examination centres for all future TET, ADRE and other state competitive exams within Hailakandi District to prevent financial distress and mental harassment for local candidates, especially female aspirants? If so, the details thereof?

Answer:

Dr. Ranoj Pegu, Hon'ble Minister, Department of School Education will reply:

(a) Yes. Candidates from Hailakandi district appear for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) and the Assam Direct Recruitment Examination (ADRE) in accordance with the prescribed examination centre allocation policy.

In the case of the Assam Direct Recruitment Examination (ADRE), candidates from Hailakandi district were generally allotted examination centres in the nearby Cachar district, thereby minimizing the need to travel to distant districts. Only those candidates who had opted for other districts as their preferred examination centres were allotted centres accordingly.

In respect of the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), the allotment of examination centre districts is decided by the State Level Empowered Committee, TET, based on the anticipated number of candidates in each district and other administrative and logistical considerations. As the TET is conducted only in selected examination centre districts, generally 10–15 districts are notified as examination centres, and candidates are allotted centres accordingly.

(b) YES, there are 02(two) nos. of Examination Centres for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in Hailakandi District, namely, S.S. College, Hailakandi and S.K. Roy College, Katlicherra where NEET Exam has been conducted.

(c) ADRE, TET examination cannot be bracketed with NEET exams. The two level of examinations are distinct and different.

In respect of ADRE, the allocation of examination centres was decided by the examination-conducting agency namely the Assam State School Education Board (ASSEB), in consultation with the State Level Recruitment Commissions. While allotting examination centres, various factors were taken into consideration, including the number of candidates, and other administrative considerations.

The availability of proper, safe , secure exam centres at the appropriate time is challenge. Exam centres are generally educational institutions having its own fixed schedule of activities.

Therefore , location and centre availability without compromising the institutions activity calendar leads to identification of exam centres in different locations. Prior to conduct of exams location availability are reviewed and this matter shall be looked into.

Moreover, in respect of the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET), the allotment of examination centre districts is decided by the State Level Empowered Committee, TET, taking into account the probable number of candidates in a particular district as well as other administrative considerations. The TET examinations are being held in selected districts only and generally 10-15 districts are considered as Exam Centre Districts.

(d) In general, there are no permanent examination centres.

However, as far as possible care shall be taken to accommodate female aspirants in convenient locations.

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