

Department of Educational Measurement & Evaluation

**Clarification regarding the doubts in declaration of Final result of  
National Talent Search Examination**

States and Union Territories while selecting the candidates at the first stage are supposed to verify and recommend the caste category and disability category of the candidates. NCERT allows all such candidates to appear in written examination. The candidates are also asked to submit their caste/disability certificate issued by competent authority at the time of written examination.

A number of candidates declare themselves as reserved under different caste/disabled categories, in their answer sheets of MAT and SAT at the time of written examination but do not provide their required caste/disability certificate for availing the scholarship under reserved category.

It is informed to the general public that such candidates are given benefit of doubt while calling them in the NTS interviews and the NCERT gives them one more opportunity to submit the requisite certificate at the time of interview before declaration of final result. Those who are not able to submit the caste certificate are converted to general category and those who are not able to submit the disability certificate as per PWD Act are not given benefit of disability reservation in the final result of National Talent Search Examination.

Therefore, in some cases in the NTS result there may be candidates who are called for interview below the cut off marks for the different caste categories as they declare themselves as disabled (all these satisfy the condition of attaining minimum qualifying marks in both SAT and MAT). However, when they fail to submit their disability certificate even at the time of interview they are treated as normal candidates in their own caste categories. Same criteria is applied in the case of candidates who declare themselves as reserved under different caste categories.