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English version of CET questions 'final'

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THOUGH Common Entrance Test (CET) question papers will be bilingual for the first time this year, the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has decided to consider the English version as final during evaluation.

This means that in case of difficulties in understanding the questions in Kannada,

then candidates can refer to the English version. Each question in English will be followed immediately by its Kannada version and candidates have to just mark their answers on OMR sheets provided to them, a KEA official said.

There will be chances for students to raise objections later if there are translation errors. "To avoid any such post-test issues, we

are informing the candidates right now that the English paper (version) will be considered as final for any kind of confusions or errors," said the official. This year, over 1.87 lakh candidates are scheduled to take CET which does not include medical and dental courses. CET-2017 is scheduled for May 2, 3 and 4 and the admission tickets have been uploaded on the KEA website.

AYUSH course aspirants in a spot

Conflicting orders from Centre, State

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Students aspiring to study in AYUSH stream (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) in 2017-18 are in a fix following confusion over the qualifying exam they will have take to get a seat.

Two conflicting directives – one from the Centre and the other from the State – may see aspirants sit for both, the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) and the Common Entrance Test (CET).

Earlier this year, the Central Council of Indian Medicine had sent letters to chief secretaries and health secretaries of all States that NEET would be one entrance test for AYUSH courses as well. However, the State government has

now decided to conduct CET for these aspirants and plans to allot government quota seats in colleges.

Swapna S., an AYUSH seat aspirant, said: “Currently, I have enrolled for both NEET and CET, but I am worried that we may be caught in the same kind of confusion that medical students experienced last year.” R.K. Singh, Director of AYUSH, said the State government had communicated to the Centre that it [State government] had already notified the entrance exam for AYUSH courses for government quota seats. There were around 1,338 government and government quota seats in 78 colleges in the State last year. Private colleges last year had filled seats on the basis of Class XII marks.