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Title: Regarding problems faced by UPSC Civil Services aspirants.

**SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE (BARPETA):** Sir, thank you for allowing me to raise an important issue.

Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention to the problem faced by UPSC Civil Services aspirants who appeared in the coveted examination during the years 2020 and 2021.

A large section of our youth aspires to join the civil services but during the above-mentioned period, they had to bear the brunt of the pandemic like many others. Some of the aspirants were themselves affected. Some lost their kin and many were also part of the frontline workforce. The aspirants also included those who were appearing in their last attempt by either age or number of attempts available. The pandemic robbed them of the opportunity of making a fair effort to clear the coveted examination. The number of such aspirants is around 30,000.

These aspirants approached the Supreme Court with the request for a compensatory attempt for which the court said that the decision lied with the Central Government. They made several efforts to meet the hon. Prime Minister and other senior Ministers in the Government, which did not fructify. Right now, they are sitting on a hunger strike at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi with their demand. I have personally visited them at the site and also, I feel that their demand for a compensatory attempt is genuine and it needs to be seen with compassion. Thank you.

