



Dated: 10.03.2021

F.No./NTA/PQ/JEE(Main)/2021

To,
Shri P.I. Soundararajan,
Under Secretary (IITs),
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Shashti Bhawan, New Delhi-110011

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3147 for 15.03.2021 regarding "IIT Entrance Examination".

Sir,

With reference to above subject it is informed that the Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3147 for 15.03.2021 regarding "IIT Entrance Examination, the inputs of NTA for replying to the above mentioned Parliament Question are given below:-

S. No.	Questions	Reply
a.	The total number of SC,ST,MBC,OBC and BC students who appeared for IIT- Entrance examination and the percentage of those students managed to clear them categorized by community;	(a) to (c): IIT Entrance Examination [eg. JEE (Advanced)] is being conducted by the organizing Committee of JEE (Advanced), JAB. Thus, such information is not available with the National Testing Agency (NTA).
b.	The total number of SC,ST,MBC,OBC and BC students from Tamil Nadu who managed to clear the IIT Entrance Examinations & secured admission;	
c.	The total number of SC,ST,MBC,OBC and BC students across India who managed to clear the IIT- Entrance examination but were unable to secure admission/ unable to take up admission and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof;	
e.	Whether the Government has taken steps to provide access to coaching facilities to poor and underprivileged students from marginalised communities, and if so the details thereof?	No such study is available in this regard.

This is issued with the approval of Director General, NTA.

Yours faithfully,

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F.No./NTA/LS/166/2021

Date : 19th July, 2021

To,
Shri Prashant Aggarwal,
Director (IITs),
Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, GoI,
C-Wing Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Seeking inputs on LS/RS SQ/UNSQ-reg.

Ref : LSQ No. 691 (Diary No. 166) for 23.07.2021 regarding "NEET and other Common Entrance Examination".

Sir,

The inputs of NTA for replying to the above mentioned Parliament Question are given below:-

S. No.	Questions	Reply
a.	whether the Union Government has any plans to suspend the conduct of NEET and other Common Entrance Examinations due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation and imminent danger of third wave;	a & b: No. The online application for NEET (UG) 2021, which will be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on 12.09.2021 as an entrance test for admission to MBBS, BDS and other undergraduate medical courses in the country in the Academic Year 2021-2022, has been launched on 13.07.2021.
b.	if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor;	
c.	the details of the SoP on Safety methodology to be adopted by the Government to provide life safety and health security to students, teachers and all the staff of educational institutions in case the Government wish to conduct the examination in the schools and educational institutions in the coming month; and	The detailed SOP, based upon the Guidelines of GOI, have been prepared. These, <i>inter alia</i> , involve : - a. Mandatory declaration of health status by Candidates and Exam Functionaries, before entry to Exam Centres b. Use of mask c. Hand-wash d. Thermal checking of Candidates and Exam Functionaries e. Staggered entry and exit of Candidates from Exam Centres. f. Carrying of personal sanitizer by the Candidates g. Sanitization of furniture and fixtures before and after Exam(s) h. Crowd – control outside the Exam Centres.
d.	whether the Government has any plan to introduce entrance exams for admitting arts and science courses, if so, the details thereof?	No, for the Academic Year 2021-22, so far as NTA is concerned.

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Copy To : Shri Amit Biswas, Under Secretary (MEP) Department of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India, Room No. 537-B, A Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011 – with reference to his Letter No. H.11017/04/2018-MEP dated 16.07.2021 on the subject.

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F.No./NTA/LS/373/2021

Date : 19th July, 2021

To,
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Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education, GoI,
C-Wing Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001

Subject: Provisionally Admitted (LS/RS) Unstarred Question Diary No. 373 for 22.07.2021 regarding "National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test 2020".

Sir,

The inputs of NTA for replying to the above mentioned Parliament Question, are given below:-

S. No.	Questions	Inputs for Reply
a.	Whether the rate of absenteeism in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test in 2020 is double that of 2019, and if so, the details thereof;	Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the NEET (UG)-2020 was ultimately conducted on 13.09.2020, so as to minimize the loss in the academic session 2021-22. However, the absenteeism in NEET (UG) 2020 was similar to the Exams conducted by the NTA for Grade XII students such as JEE (Main)-2020. Increase in absenteeism in these exams could also be due to the fact that the results of qualifying Exam (Class 12 Boards) for these Tests (NEET-UG, JEE) were declared before the date of these exams.
b.	Whether the absentees have double despite the exam being held for the second time this year to benefit those who had skipped the first edition;	With the permission of the Supreme Court of India vide Order dated 12.10.2020 in IA No. 100861/2020 in CA No. 11230/2018, NTA had conducted NEET (UG) 2020 in second part on 14.10.2020 for the COVID affected students and for those in containment zones. This was not done for all those who did not appear.
c.	Whether Government was aware that a large number of students desired the NEET Test to be postponed due to the pandemic;	(c) to (e): As per the initial announcement, the NEET (UG) 2020 was scheduled to be conducted on 03.05.2020. Due to the outbreak of Covid-19 Pandemic and consequent demand of the students, this exam was postponed upto 26.07.2020. However, when the situation stabilized, and to ensure no academic loss, the exam was ultimately conducted on 13.09.2020, as per the directions issued by the Supreme Court of India vide order dated 17.08.2020 in W.P. (C) No. 812/2020 & W.P.(C) No. 851/2020.
d.	If so, whether Government felt it expedient to meet student representatives to understand and address their grievances; and	
e.	If not, the reason thereof?	

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F.No./NTA/LSUNSQ/10497/2021

Dated: 06.08.2021

To,
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Director (IITs),
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education, GoI,
C-Wing Shastri Bhawan New Delhi-110001

Subject: Provisionally Admitted Lok Sabha Unstarred Question Diary No. 10497 for 13.08.2021 regarding "NEET Centre".

Sir,

I am directed to provide the inputs of NTA for replying to the above mentioned Parliament Question, as given below:-

S. No.	Questions	Reply
(a)	whether the Government is aware that there is no NEET Centre in Chhindwara District of Madhya Pradesh;	(a)-(c): Keeping in mind the social distancing Guidelines provided by the Government of India and the implementation of the same through the SOP developed by the NTA, the number of centres were increased from 2546 (2019) to 3842 (2020) to ensure proper social distancing. NTA has conducted NEET (UG) -2020 in the major Cities such as Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur & Ujjain in the State of Madhya Pradesh. The Rewa District of Madhya Pradesh has also been added in the list of Cities of the examination centre for the year 2021.
(b)	whether the Government proposes to open a NEET Centre in Chhindwara to fulfil the demand of students of Chhindawara who have to travel to other districts every year for the NEET Exam; and	
(c)	if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?	

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F.No./NTA/PQ/Exams/2021

Dated: 20.03.2021

To,

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Under Secretary (TS-1),
Department of Higher Education
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Shashti Bhawan, New Delhi-110011

Subject: Admitted Question No. 3404 regarding "Functioning of National Testing Agency (NTA)".

Sir,

Please find attached the **Inputs** of NTA for replying to the above mentioned Parliament Question, as under:-

S. No.	Questions	Reply
a)	Whether Government has achieved aims and objective of establishing National Testing Agency (NTA), if so, the details thereof;	National Testing Agency (NTA) has been established by the Government in 2018 as a premier, specialist, autonomous and self-sustained testing organization to conduct entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in higher educational institutions. NTA has so far successfully conducted 66 examinations (Computer Based-63 and in Pen & Paper-3) since December 2018, which include : NEET (UG), JEE (Main), UGC- NET, JNU EE, DUET, ICAR-AIEE, IGNOU & CSIR-NET, etc.
b)	Whether NTA is charging exorbitant fee from candidate to sit in various examinations conducted by them, if so, details thereof and corrective steps taken;	The National Testing Agency is self-sustained organization. As NTA conducts several examinations, the fees charged from the candidates are kept at the minimum for meeting the input costs and administrative costs only.
c)	Number of exams conducted by NTA using computer based system till date;	So far, NTA has successfully conducted 63 examinations in Computer Based Test (CBT) mode, since December 2018.
d)	Whether NTA has also launched a 'mobile app' through which students can practice/take mock tests on their own computers or smart phones, if so, the details thereof, and	NTA has launched a mobile app called the ' National Test Abhyas ' on 19 th May 2020 to enable candidates to take mock tests for JEE (Main) and NEET (UG). Under this, one test per day was given to the Candidates till the start of JEE (MAIN)/NEET (UG) Examinations. A total of 121 question papers were made available to the Candidates of JEE (Main) for practice. A total of 116 question papers were made available to the Candidates of NEET (UG) for practice. After attempting the tests, the Candidates were instantly given the feedback about the correctness of their answer and explanation about the concept involved. Students across



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		<p>the country can use the App to access high quality tests, free of cost, preparing for the upcoming JEE (Main) and NEET (UG) exams. The tests can be easily downloaded; they can be completed off-line, thus economising on internet availability too.</p> <p>Till date more than 19 Lakhs users have downloaded the App.</p>
e)	Other steps taken by NTA to conduct examinations in a transparent and efficient manner?	<p>1.Test Security Initiatives: To ensure test security and curb malpractices due to technological advancement NTA has adopted following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CCTV Surveillance through more than 1400 CCTVs per shift• Installation of about 3000 network jammers or signal silencers at the examination centres in each shift• Live streaming for real time surveillance and monitoring of each exam centre at NTA Control Room. <p>2.Trainng and Workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test developers and subject Experts- more than 200 psychometric workshops were conducted, each for a group of 30-35 expert. Thus, around 7000 subject experts were oriented around best practices of test development .• Examination Functionaries: About 400 Coordinators and 4000 Observers were oriented in face-to-face mode across 18 cities in various states of the Country .• Besides that, about 75 virtual refresher sessions have been conducted before different examinations to monitor live streaming of exam centres. <p>3.Research & Publication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychometric analysis using item responses of over 1 million candidates.• 9 Research reports were compiled in 2019 and 2020 for discussion with leading subject matter experts and relevant Stakeholders (such as UGC, ICAR), regarding improving the quality of tests.• Similar exercise was followed for 2020 examination as well and compilation is in the process.

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F.No./NTA/PQ/RSUQ-2582/2021

Dated: 16.03.2021

To,

Shri B.K. Singh
Deputy Secretary (CU),
Department of Higher Education,
Ministry of Education,
Shashti Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Rajya Sabha USQ No. 2582 admitted for 18.03.2021 regarding Exams conducted in English medium.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the OM No. 17-03/2021-CU.cdn dated 15.03.2021 on the above subject and to furnish the inputs of NTA for replying to the abovementioned Parliament Question, as under :-

S. No.	Questions	Reply																														
a.	The details of examinations conducted exclusively in English languages across the country so far;	The Examinations, which have been conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) exclusively in English medium, are : Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) MBA (IB); Common Management Admission Test (CMAT); Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT); Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- AIEEA(PG); ICAR-AICE(JRF/SRF) ; Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) OPENMAT (MBA); National Law University (NLU)-AILET; Indian Scholastic Assessment (IND-SAT); B.SC (Hons) Nursing Course at Lady Harding Medical College & Florence Nightingale Nursing College, GTB Hospital, New Delhi; IGNOU Recruitment Test (2021).																														
b.	Whether all the competitive examinations by NDA, UPSC, SSC and Railway Recruitment Board etc. are conducted in English language;	(b) to (d): No. Only few competitive examinations are conducted by NTA are in English language, as mentioned above. The major competitive entrance / fellowship exams, which are conducted in Hindi/ regional languages are mentioned below :																														
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			Hotel Management (NCHM) JEE	
	10		Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds (SWAYAM)	English & Hindi (other than the language papers & course specific papers)
	11		Annual Refresher Programme in Teaching (ARPIT)	English (other than the language papers & course specific papers)
	12		Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) -B.Ed. & Ph.D	English & Hindi (other than the language papers)
	13		All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination (AISSEE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For Class IX Candidates - English only.• For Class VI Candidates - English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Tamil, Punjabi, Telugu & Urdu.

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