

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
(DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING)

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 296
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018)

LEAKAGE OF QUESTION PAPERS OF SSC

***296. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA:**

Will the **PRIME MINISTER** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking action to investigate the alleged mass leakage of question papers of the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) examination that took place on February 17, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether steps are being taken for standardisation of examinations to avoid variation in difficulty level across different shifts of the examination;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES
AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 296 FOR ANSWER ON 22.03.2018 RAISED BY PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA, M.P. REGARDING “LEAKAGE OF QUESTION PAPERS OF SSC”

(a) & (b): There was no leakage of question papers of Staff Selection Commission (SSC) Examination on 17.2.2018. In view of some sporadic incidents of alleged cheating by some candidates at a few venues and subsequent agitation by a section of the candidates, the Commission in order to reiterate and reaffirm the faith of the candidates in the examination process recommended for an impartial enquiry by CBI. Accepting the recommendation of the Commission, Government has referred the matter to CBI for a free and fair enquiry.

CBI has registered a Preliminary Enquiry on 8/3/2018.

(c) to (e): SSC has a well established and standardized system through which question papers of an examination are formulated by panels of experts in consonance with well defined parameters laid down by Commission to ensure parity across question paper sets. The reliability of the system has been validated across various examinations conducted by the Commission over time.
