

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1956  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

**Conduction of JEE Exam**

1956. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI RAKESH SINGH:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
DR. K. GOPAL:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:  
SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:  
SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI VINAYAK BHABURAO RAUT:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to conduct Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and National Entrance cum Eligibility Test (NEET) examinations twice in a year in online mode from the year 2019;
- (b) if so, the details along with the aims and objectives thereof;
- (c) the number of students is likely to be benefited from the said decisions; and
- (d) the financial assistance extended by the Government to National Testing Agency(NTA) to start its operation;
- (e) whether many State Governments have objected to such proposal and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government is considering to have a discussion with the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a) to (f): In pursuance of Budget Announcement 2017-18, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 10.11.2017 approved creation of National Testing Agency (NTA) as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization to conduct entrance examinations for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). NTA will conduct, inter-alia, JEE (MAIN) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-UG twice a year from 2019 onwards in order to give adequate opportunity to candidates to bring out their best. All the entrance examinations will be computer based, for which a network of test practice centres, especially for the aspirants from rural areas will be established so that they have ample opportunity to acquaint themselves with the computer based tests. This will benefit nearly 40 lakh students. NTA will be largely self-sustained. However, for setting up and first year operations, a sum of Rs.25 crore has been sanctioned for the purpose. No State Government has objected to the proposal. Final decision will be announced soon.

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