

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

NEET and JEE Exams

3163. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
SHRI G. HARI:

- Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is true that Government has proposed to have new biannual National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test especially the provision of eight different time slots and as many different question papers with different difficulty levels;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) whether it is also true that the fully online test will load the examination against students from rural and poor background and if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to entrust the job of conducting NEET to an external body and the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government has established National Testing Agency (NTA) as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization to conduct entrance examinations, which were being conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) or any other test entrusted to it. These include, inter-alia, JEE (MAIN) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET)-UG. NTA will conduct the UGC-NET in December, 2018 and other examinations from 2019 onwards in multiple sittings and twice a year in order to give adequate opportunity to students to bring their best. The examinations will be computer based for which a network of test practice centers will be established, especially for aspirants from rural areas to acquaint them with the computer based tests. However, final decision in this regard will be announced soon. The pattern of question paper, syllabus, examination fee and the existing number of languages in which the exams are conducted will remain same.
