

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 743  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2018**

**National Testing Agency**

†743. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to constitute a National Testing Agency for conducting entrance test for admission to higher educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (c) if not the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): In pursuance of the Budget Announcement 2017-18, the Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 10.11.2017 approved creation of the National Testing Agency (NTA) as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organization to conduct all entrance examinations for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the country. NTA will conduct those entrance examinations which are currently being conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) or any other exam entrusted to it. The examinations will be conducted in online mode twice a year from December, 2018 onwards.

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