

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2353
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019**

National/State Testing Agencies

2353. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of the National/State Testing Agencies that conduct the Joint Entrance Examination Main and National Entrance Eligibility Test and other examination for purpose of Government employment;
- (b) whether any corruption has been found against the National/State Testing Agencies during the conducting of online examination and if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the modalities regarding fee structure, syllabi, exam pattern, etc. for exams for OBC and EWS are the same or different;
- (d) if so, the details of such modalities for the two exams along with the modalities for establishment of computer centres in rural areas; and
- (e) whether the Government has found any discrepancy to conduct AIIMS/JIPMER exam from 2015 onwards and if so, the details thereof along with action taken thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (e): Ministry of Human Resource Development has established National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct entrance examinations for admission to the Higher Education Institutions as well as grant of fellowship. These include Joint Entrance Examination - Main (JEE-Main), National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG), University Grants Commission- National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET), Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT), Common Management Admission Test (CMAT), Jawaharlal Nehru University Entrance Examination (JNUEE) etc. The Ministry does not maintain centralized data of State Testing Agencies. No case of corruption has been received against NTA. There is no difference in the fee structure, syllabi and exam patterns for OBC and EWS candidates in these examinations. In order to serve the requirements of the rural students, NTA has established a network of about 3,400 Test Practice Centres (TPCs), which are located in educational institutions across 622 Districts in 33 States/UTs. All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), which come under the purview of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, have informed that no discrepancies have been reported in conducting of their examinations from 2015 onwards.