

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 628**  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020)

**SETTING UP OF NATIONAL RECRUITMENT AGENCY**

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**SHRI SUBBARAYAN K.:**

**SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up a National Recruitment Agency (NRA) which will conduct a Common Eligibility Test for Government jobs/all non-gazetted posts including Railways, public sector banks and other public sector undertakings;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features of such agency along with the fate of the existing central Government recruiting agencies like SSC, RRB etc.;
- (c) whether the allocation of existing recruitment agencies viz. UPSC, SSC, RRB, etc. will be diluted after operation of new NRA in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**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) & (b): Yes, Sir. In order to mitigate the hardships to candidates seeking Government jobs by providing the same platform to all candidates, and with a view to set a new standard of equity and inclusiveness in recruitment, Government has set up the National Recruitment Agency (NRA), vide order, dated 28.08.2020. The NRA will be an independent autonomous organization to conduct the Common Eligibility Test (CET) to screen/shortlist candidates for certain categories of posts in Central Government, for which recruitment is carried out through the Staff Selection Commission (SSC), Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS).

The existing Central Government recruiting agencies like SSC, RRBs, & IBPS would continue to conduct domain-specific examinations/tests as per their requirement.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. The NRA will conduct only the preliminary screening of candidates through the CET. Based on the score obtained in the CET conducted by NRA, candidates may appear in the domain-specific examinations/tests to be conducted by SSC, RRBs & IBPS respectively for the actual recruitment.

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