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Organisational strength of National Testing Agency

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of permanent staff working under the National Testing Agency (NTA);
- (b) the number of employees on deputation and contractual employees working under the NTA; and
- (c) the details regarding the tasks that have been outsourced by the NTA to other entities and the details of such entities?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) & (b) Director General (DG) of NTA is appointed by Central Government under the Central Staffing Scheme. In addition, the number of employees working on deputation in NTA are 22 at present. The number of contractual employees are 39 and outsourced staff/employees are 132. 1 (one) employee is absorbed in NTA from his parent Department.

(c) Considering the sensitivity involved in competitive examinations, various operational and security measures are undertaken for their smooth and fair conduct. Such measures involve engagement of specialised/experienced agencies for providing services like capturing of Biometric, frisking, CCTV surveillance, AI analytics with a view to identify any potential impersonation, Exam delivery etc. However, it is pertinent to mention that all core activities involving setting up of Question papers are not outsourced.
