

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2103
ANSWERED ON: 09.12.2024**

Reforms in Entrance Examinations

2103. **Shri V K Sreekandan:**
Shri Tejasvi Surya:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government, pursuant to the recommendation of the Dr. K. Radhakrishnan Committee is introducing various reforms to the NTA and the series of entrance examinations ahead of the new cycle beginning in January, 2025;
- (b) if so, the aim of such reforms and the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government has sought/received the support of the States to conduct zero-error entrance tests;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to allot centres of the choice of the students; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (e): In order to suggest effective measures for transparent, smooth and fair conduct of examinations by NTA, the Ministry of Education constituted a High-Level Committee of Experts (HLCE) on 22.06.2024 headed by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, former Chairman ISRO and Chairman BoG, IIT Kanpur. The Committee has submitted its report on 21.10.2024 and has recommended Reformation of National Common Entrance Testing including strengthening of NTA, institutional linkage with States, involvement of Test Indenting Agencies as Knowledge and Examinations partner etc.

The Ministry of Education has written to all States & UTs for the support of State Machinery through State and District Level Committees for smooth and fair conduct of NTA examinations.

The HLCE has laid out measures and recommended Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to prevent breaches in both Pen and Paper Test (PPT) and Computer Based Test (CBT) examinations. Guidelines for Question Paper Setting and Vetting as per defined protocols have also been recommended. Further, besides other recommendations, the HLCE has called for detailed framework to be developed on Testing Centre Allocation Policy to prevent any unusual pattern of test centre allocation to students. The Committee also recommended constitution of a High-Powered Steering Committee to monitor the implementation of recommendations of HLCE on NTA, which has been constituted by the Ministry on 14th November, 2024.
