

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Computer Labs for Conducting National Tests by UGC/UPSC

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of computer labs exists/to be established for conducting National Examinations/tests by UGC/UPSC, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal/scheme to set up computer labs for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been set up as a specialised body to conduct examinations for entrance to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Since its inception in 2018, NTA has conducted over 240 examinations involving over 5.4 crore candidates. The exams have been conducted in both Pen and Paper Test (PPT) and Computer Based Test (CBT) mode.

The CBT centres for the conduct of examinations by NTA are primarily provided by the Examination Delivery Agency. Whenever there is a shortfall of computer nodes in a particular city, wherever possible Higher Education Institutions and AICTE affiliated institutions are requested to provide their premises for conduct of examinations. The Ministry of Education has also requested State Governments/UT Administrations for their support in setting up secured Computer Based Test (CBT) centres in State Government Institutions.
