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

**LOK SABHA**
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 111**
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**
**National Testing Agency**

*111. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

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

(a)   whether the National Testing Agency proposes to conduct the Joint Entrance Examination Main and National Entrance Eligibility Test twice a year from 2019 onwards in online mode;

(b)   if so, whether the modalities regarding fee structure, syllabi, exam pattern, etc. for both exams are the same or different;

(c)   the details of such modalities for the two exams along with the modalities for establishment of computer centres in rural areas; and

(d)   whether his Ministry is contemplating to conduct AIIMS/JIPMER exam twice a year from 2019 onwards and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**
**(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 111 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019 REGARDING "NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY" RAISED BY SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:**

(a) to (d) : The Government has established National Testing Agency (NTA) as a premier testing organization to conduct entrance/fellowship examinations to the higher education institutions. The National Testing Agency designs and executes examinations which are standardized, reliable and technically sound. NTA undertakes computer based tests while protecting the interests of the rural students by giving them various options to practice free of cost. So far, NTA has conducted UGC-NET, JEE (Main), GPAT, CMAT successfully using computer based systems. In order to protect the interests of the students and to provide them options to improve their performance, NTA proposes to take examination multiple times each year and taking the best score for calculating ranks.

In case of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG), the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare requested that for the time being entrance tests may be conducted on pen and paper mode. Accordingly, for the year 2019-20, NEET-UG examination is being conducted on pen and paper mode in the month of May, 2019.

As far as the fee structure, syllabi and exam pattern are concerned, for each of the two JEE (Main) Exams, fee for General and OBC candidates in India is Rs.500/- for boys and 250/- for girls. For SC/ST candidates, it is Rs.250/- both for boys and girls. For NEET-UG Examination, the fee is Rs.1400/- for General and OBC and Rs.750/- for other reserved category candidates. The syllabi for both JEE (Main) and NEET is based on Class XI and XII syllabus and pattern is Multiple Choice Question (MCQ).

In order to serve the requirements of the rural students, NTA has established a network of about 3,400 Test Practice Centres (TPCs) in educational institutions across the country spread over 622 Districts in 33 States/UTs thereby enabling students to practice through mock tests in the CBT environment. NTA has also launched a 'mobile app' through which students can practice or take mock tests on their own computers or smart phones. All these services are provided to the students free of cost.

NTA does not conduct AIIMS/JIPMER examinations.

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