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SOP for Paper Leak in Competitive Exams

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to prevent incidents of technical glitches, question paper leaks or procedural irregularities during the conduct of competitive examinations like NEET, CTET, UGC-NET etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said SOP; and
- (c) whether any special arrangement is proposed by the Government at technical and administrative level under the SOP in respect of cyber security monitoring system of examination centres and maintaining pre-examination confidentiality?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c) : The National Testing Agency (NTA) has been set up as a specialized body to conduct examinations for entrance to Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Since its inception in 2018, NTA has successfully conducted over 250 examinations involving over 5.5 crore candidates. The examinations conducted by NTA include JEE(Main) for admission to undergraduate engineering programs/determining eligibility for JEE(Advanced), NEET(UG) for admission to undergraduate medical courses, CUET (UG) and CUET (PG) for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate courses respectively in Central Universities and other participating institutions, UGC-NET for Junior Research Fellows/eligibility test for Assistant Professors/PhD. admissions etc.

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. The Committee 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 HLCE has also 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. The Report of the Committee can be accessed at: https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/HLCE_Report.pdf

A High-Powered Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, former Chairman, I.S.R.O. is already constituted to oversee the implementation of reforms in the conduct of national-level examinations by the NTA.
