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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 202  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024

**Test Centres under National Testing Agency**

202. **Shri S Niranjana Reddy:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the current number and distribution of approved Test Centres supporting online proctored exams across different States, and the number of Test Centres added each year over the last five years;
- (b) the criteria and infrastructure requirements for approval of Test Centres under the NTA;
- (c) whether current number of Test Centres is sufficient for the number of students appearing for NTA exams annually;
- (d) steps taken to increase the number of Test Centres, especially in rural areas, to meet growing demand; and
- (e) whether Artificial Intelligence tools are being used to monitor online proctored exams to improve the exam process and prevent cheating?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

- (a) & (e) Major Exams of NTA are conducted in Computer Based Test (CBT) Mode and not in Online proctoring mode.
- (b) The physical infrastructural requirements of Centres among others include appropriate seating arrangement & accessibility for the differently abled. For C.B.T. examination, technical infrastructure such as computer nodes, networking arrangements etc are required.
- (c) & (d) Since its inception in 2018, NTA has successfully conducted over 240 examinations involving over 5.4 crore candidates. The exams have been conducted in OMR mode and CBT mode at different centres. Addition of New centres is governed by several factors including candidate count, availability of technical and physical infrastructure etc. 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.

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