

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 22.07.2026**

National Testing Agency

369 Shri Dr.V. Sivadasan:

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

- (a) permanent staff strength of NTA, post-wise;
- (b) contractual staff strength, post-wise
- (c) examination-wise details of all examinations conducted during the last five years;
- (d) examination-wise details of re-examinations conducted during the last five years;
- (e) examination-wise registration fee collected; and
- (f) examination-wise expenditure incurred?

ANSWER

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

(a) The National Testing Agency (NTA) was established as a self-sustained autonomous organization to conduct entrance examinations for admission / fellowship in Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs). At NTA, a total of 39 permanent posts exist, which are filled through deputation. Additionally, NTA also recruits staff/ officials as per requirement on a short-term basis. As part of strengthening of NTA, 16 posts (i.e. 8 at Director level and 8 at Joint Director level) have been created for NTA to be filled through the Central Staffing Scheme. Present status of permanent staff strength is as under :

Pay Level Officer/ Official	Nos
Director General / Level 17	1
Joint Secretary / Level 15	2
Director / Level 14	1
Director / Level 13	7
Joint Director & Research Scientist / Level 12	6 (5 JD + 1 Research Sc.)
Deputy Director / Level 11	3
Assistant Director / Level 10	2
Senior Superintendent / Level 7	2

(b) NTA engages contractual / outsourced staff as per the requirement. Total 73 persons(which includes 1 General Manager Communication, 1 Senior Advisor , 3 Advisor , 5 Senior Consultant, 44 Consultant, 1 Senior Software Developer, 1 Office Assistant, 17 Young professionals) have been engaged on contract and 124 persons(such as Data Analyst, Consultant, Junior Consultant, Legal Associate, House Keeping etc) have been outsourced.

Depending on the nature of the examination, NTA engages field-level personnel and functionaries, including observers, city coordinators, centre supervisors, and members of State Level Coordination Committees (SLCCs) and District Level Coordination Committees (DLCCs), in coordination with State and Union Territories(UT) authorities, Centrally Funded Higher Education Institutions, and Government schools such as Navodaya Vidyalayas and Kendriya Vidyalayas, on an assignment basis to undertake various examination-related activities across the country, on a large scale.

(c) & (d): Since inception in 2018, NTA has conducted over 270 examinations covering more than 6.6 crore candidate registrations. In 2026 so far, NTA has conducted 12 examinations with over 65 lakh candidate registrations. The NEET(UG) examination, 2026 was conducted on 3 May 2026 at 5432 centres across 565 cities in 13 languages. NTA conducted the NEET(UG) re-examination on 21st June 2026 and the result has been declared successfully on 16.07.2026.

(e) & (f): The statement of revenue and expenditure of NTA i.e. Income & Expenditure Account of NTA as per Accrual Accounting System since i.e. 2019-20 to 2023-24 (approved by Governing body of NTA) is as under:

<i>(Amount in ₹)</i>			
Sl.	Year	Income	Expenditure
1	2019-20	5,04,16,04,176	4,40,20,18,144
2	2020-21	5,15,15,97,544	4,36,25,21,931
3	2021-22	5,08,46,52,908	4,26,52,32,581
4	2022-23	9,00,56,19,679	6,81,52,00,280
5	2023-24	11,16,84,39,078	10,40,95,88,274
