# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 92 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

### CONDUCTING BIANNUAL NEET EXAMINATION

## 92. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN:

# Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government will go ahead with the new biannual NEET, especially the provision of eight different time slots and as many different question papers with different difficulty levels, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the totally online test will be heavily loaded against students from rural and poor backgrounds; and
- (c) whether Government is considering to entrust the job of conducting NEET to an external agency?

# ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c): The National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (NEET) UG was being conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) till 2018. Now, from 2019 onwards, it will be conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), an autonomous and self sustained premier testing organization established to conduct entrance examinations for higher educational institutions in the country.

NEET (UG) -2019 will be a single offline examination and will be conducted in pen and paper mode.