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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1082 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th DECEMBER, 2023

REDUCTION IN THE CUTOFF MARKS FOR NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY-CUM-ENTRANCE TEST (POST GRADUATE), 2023

1082. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Medical Association has written to Government for a reduction in the cutoff marks for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Post Graduate), 2023 and the IMA said this would ensure enrollment of doctors for PG programmes in various medical colleges, and not a single seat would go vacant;
- (b) whether, as a result of high cutoff scores, aspiring medical students are not only prevented from entering postgraduation but also compelled to travel overseas to pursue their dream which in turn is depleting the medical manpower pool in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (c): As per the information received from National Medical Commission, based on the representations received from various stakeholders, the cut-off percentile has been reduced and all those who appeared in NEET PG were made eligible so that the number of PG vacant seats due to non-availability of qualified candidates can be reduced.
