

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
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Admission in Medical colleges

1476 **Smt. Sagarika Ghose:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that students with zero or less marks in NEET got admission in colleges to practice MBBS, if so, the reasons thereof;
- (b) the repercussions this might have on the patients they treat;
- (c) whether the quality of doctors in the country is decreasing due to this reason; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to rectify this situation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): For admission to M.B.B.S. courses in India, candidates are required to qualify National Eligibility Cum Entrance Test (UG) examination as per norms laid down by National Medical Commission of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. The qualifying criteria of NEET(UG) 2024 examination informed to the candidates through the Information Bulletin of NEET(UG) 2024 Examination laid out that a candidate was required to obtain a minimum of marks at the 50th percentile, in case of General, General-EWS categories to be eligible for undergraduate medical courses. In case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL categories, the cut off was laid out as 40th percentile. Accordingly, cut offs for qualifying NEET(UG) 2024 Examination were 162 marks (50th percentile) for General, General-EWS and 127 marks (40th percentile) for SC/ST/OBC-NCL categories.

The Merit Lists for admission are drawn by various Counselling Authorities as per the norms laid out by Central and State Governments for admission to All India Quota seats and State Quota seats respectively.
