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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4130 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2016

NEET IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES

4130. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from various States to conduct National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in regional languages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether there is any criteria fixed by the Government for rural students who appears in NEET; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): Section 10D of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 prescribes conducting of a uniform entrance examination in Hindi and English and such other languages. Based on consultation with State Governments / UTs, the Central Government has decided that the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) 2017 will be held in Hindi, English, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil and Telugu.
- (c) & (d): No criteria is fixed for rural students under the All India Quota seats. The State Governments decide for State Quota Seats at UG/PG level. NEET would not disturb reservation policy of the respective State Government.

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