

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2018**

NEET-PG EXAM

6624. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) the number of students appearing for the NEET-PG exam from the State of Kerala and the number of exam centres in the State;
- (b) whether it is true that due to shortage of exam centres in the State of Kerala, many students appearing for NEET-PG 2018 exam have been allotted centres in other States;
- (c) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to increase the number of test centres for the NEET-PG examination in the State in order to reduce the hardships caused to students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): National Board of Examinations (NBE) is the designated authority for conducting National – Eligibility –cum – Entrance Test (NEET) – PG for admission to PG medical / dental courses. As per the information provided by NBE, the number of candidates who appeared in NEET – PG 2018 and have done their MBBS from Kerala / registered in State Medical Council of Kerala is 7093.

NEET – PG 2018 was conducted on 7th January, 2018 in a single session all across the country with the exam being held in 9 cities with 27 centres in the State of Kerala.

(b): NBE informed that the examination city was chosen by the candidate himself / herself on first come first serve basis at the time of online submission of application form. NBE vide Public Notice dated 08.11.2017 had given an option to the candidates to choose from the list of States during online submission of application form and in case, a testing seat was not available in the State of their choice, NBE had allotted a test centre in the State of correspondence address of the candidate or in a nearby State.

(c) & (d): NBE informed that number of testing seats shall be increased for the forthcoming NEET.