

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA, YOGA & NATUROPATHY,  
UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(AYUSH)**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4078  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

**NEET FOR AYUSH**

**4078. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:**

Will the Minister of **AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY (AYUSH)** be pleased to state:

(a) whether making National Eligibility-cum Entrance Test (NEET) compulsory for admission to Indian System of Medicine courses is part of the steps being taken by the AYUSH Department to upgrade education in AYUSH and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any direction has been issued by the Ministry of AYUSH to all States to make NEET compulsory for admissions to courses from 2018-19; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments thereon?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYURVEDA,  
YOGA & NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMOEOPATHY  
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)**

(a) to (c): In the process of streamlining the admissions and to bring meritorious students to AYUSH streams, all States /Union Territories have been instructed to admit students in AYUSH- Under Graduate courses for Academic Year 2018-19 by adopting the merit list of National Eligibility-cum Entrance Test (NEET) only in accordance to the Existing Rules and Policies of the concerned State/ UT Governments.

Further, the State/ UT Governments were also requested to make wider publicity about the NEET examination conducted by CBSE for Academic Year 2018-19.

All State/ UT Governments have accepted to admit students by adopting the merit list of NEET 2018, except the State of Tamil Nadu. The Ministry has taken up the matter with the State Government of Tamil Nadu in this regard.

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