

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3943
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH JANUARY, 2019**

NEET

3943. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

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

- (a) whether due to unclear criteria for the National Eligibility Entrance Test for AYUSH courses, a large number of seats remain unfilled;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has announced some relaxation for AYUSH courses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No. The unfilled seats for AYUSH courses are mainly due to non-availability of NEET qualified students.

(c) & (d): Yes, the Government relaxed the qualifying criteria on the basis of various representations in this Ministry.

The steps taken by the Government, in this regard, are as at **Annexure.**

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f / Dated: 01.11.2018

To,

All State Authorities
(As enclosed)

Sub: Admission in Under Graduate degree Courses in ASU&H College-reg.

Sir/Madam,

In continuation to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 11.06.2018, it is further clarified that the Ministry has received various representations stating that seats are lying vacant due to less number of qualified students in the NEET-2018.

2. In this regard, the matter regarding qualifying criteria has been examined by the Ministry and decided that in order to be eligible for admission, it shall be necessary for a candidate to obtain minimum of marks at 35th percentile in NEET-2018. However, in respect of candidates belonging to Scheduled castes, Scheduled tribes, Other Backward castes, the minimum marks shall be at 25th percentile. In respect of the candidates with bench marked Disabilities specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the minimum marks shall be at 30th percentile for General Category candidates and 25th percentile for SC/ST/OBC candidates.

3. This clarification is applicable only for Academic Year 2018-19.

4. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

(Dr. Shashi Ranjan Kumar Vidyarthi)

Director

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1. Chief Secretaries to all Stte/UT (as per list enclosed) for necessary action.
2. Registrar of all Universities having affiliated AYUSH Colleges, for information and necessary action at their level.
3. The Secretary (CCIM/CCH), 61-65 Institutional Area, Opp. D-Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi for necessary action.
4. NIC for uploading on Ministry's website.
5. Principal/Directors of all AYUSH Colleges/Institutions for information.