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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2926 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

# NEET UG EXAMINATION

### 2926. SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND:

Will the **MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to conduct NEET UG examination on the pattern of JEE (Mains) to provide two chances in a year to save NEET aspirants from stress and depression in cracking the difficult competition in single attempt only or lose one precious year;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the session from which Government is planning to conduct NEET UG exam twice a year on the pattern of JEE (Mains);

(c) whether the Government has constituted any committee in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is also planning to conduct JEE (Mains)/NEET (UG) or other similar type of competitive exam through a single examination and if so, the session/year from which the Government proposes to conduct the same?

# ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (d): Section 14 of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019 mandates for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) to be conducted as a common/ uniform entrance test for admission to the undergraduate and postgraduate courses in all medical institutions in the country. NEET is a historic reform promoting meritocracy and providing opportunity to meritorious students to get admission in the best medical institutions in the country. It has resulted in curbing malpractices in medical admission, greater transparency and reducing the burden on prospective students of appearing in multiple entrance exams.

NEET (UG) is conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) & the syllabus is based on the syllabi of all the State Boards and National Boards.

National Medical Commission (NMC) & National Testing Agency (NTA) have informed that there is no proposal to conduct NEET UG exams for providing two chances in a year.

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