# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2081 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019

#### NEET

### 2081. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE: SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:

### Will the **Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a list of total number of students who appeared for the NEET-PG exam from the State of Kerala and the number of exam centres that were allotted for the exam in the State, the details thereof:
- (b) whether due to shortage of exam centres in the State of Kerala, many students were allotted centres in neighbouring States;
- (c) whether the Ministry has plans/ proposals 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**

## MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

- (a): Yes, Sir. The information has been collected from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and as per information, 10637 candidates were scheduled in Kerala for NEET PG 2019. The test was held in 12 cities across the 57 test centres.
- **(b):** No, Sir. All candidate opting for Kerala or residing in the State of Kerala were allotted center in the State of Kerala in NEET PG 2019.
- (c) & (d): For NEET PG 2020, test shall be conducted across 12 cities in the State of Kerala. A total of 11851 test seats have been allocated for the State of Kerala which is 1214 more in comparison to NEET PG 2019. Considering the increase in the number of candidates from the State of Kerala as compared to last year, additional test centres shall be allocated in NEET PG 2020 so as to accommodate most of the applicants from the State of Kerala within the State itself.

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