

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1612
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th FEBRUARY, 2022**

SOCIAL INJUSTICE CAUSED BY NEET

1612 SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

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

(a) whether the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) in its present form is not providing a level playing field for medical aspirants of rural background and is creating an atmosphere of social injustice;

(b) if so, the steps taken to create a level playing field for students from rural and socio-economically vulnerable backgrounds in NEET, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has provided any support or infrastructure to such students to help them prepare for NEET and if so, the details thereof, State/UTwise including Tamil Nadu;

(d) whether an audit of NEET results has been conducted or is being considered to understand the representation of socio-economically vulnerable groups in medical education and scientifically examine if students from socially and financially forward communities have an advantage over their peers in competitive exams such as NEET; and

(e) whether the Government has prepared any report on the large number of training/coaching centres for medical aspirants and the sections of society having access to such facilities and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE**

(DR BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)

(a) to (e): 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 is conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). To help the students to practice well for NEET (UG) exam, NTA has launched a Mobile App 'National Test Abhyas' to facilitate candidates' access to high quality mock tests online, free of cost. The syllabus of NEET (UG) is based on the syllabi of all the State Boards and National Boards. Question Papers are prepared taking the help of the State level Experts. Further, to enable the candidates from State Boards and rural areas to understand the questions properly, the Question Paper for NEET (UG) 2021 was set in 15 different languages.
