

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3827
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th March, 2022**

NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CUM ENTRANCE TEST (NEET)

3827 SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B:

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

- (a) whether the death of Indian medical student in Ukraine has triggered opposition to the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) across the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a campaign on social media is underway demanding ban on NEET;
- (c) whether the death of a meritorious rural student exposes the NEET destroying the dream of rural students to study medicine, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to review the whole issue of NEET in the wake of nearly 20,000 students who have suffered in Ukraine; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 different languages.