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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2297 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2025

CRITERIA FOR NEET AND MBBS ADMISSIONS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to have a policy to stipulate a maximum or minimum age limit for MBBS admissions, especially in view of instance where candidates aged 68 years and 64 years are seeking MBBS admissions this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not prescribing maximum age limit for NEET examination and MBBS admissions;
- (c) whether Biology at Plus Two level in school is mandatory for NEET and MBBS admissions and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to allow other subjects in place of Biology along with Physics and Chemistry in Plus Two level to be eligible for NEET and MBBS admissions and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether 10+2 Two examination is mandatory for NEET and MBBS admissions and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether students who had completed the now-repealed PUC are eligible to write NEET and seek MBBS admissions and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (f): The National Medical Commission (NMC) is an apex statutory body constituted by an Act of Parliament to regulate and oversee medical education across the country. The Graduate Medical Education Regulation, 2023 framed by the NMC prescribe eligibility criteria for appearing in NEET-UG Examination for admission to undergraduate course (MBBS). As per provisions under the regulations minimum prescribed age is 17 years as on or before 31st January of the year that the candidate shall be appearing for examination. These regulations do not prescribe upper age limit for appearing in the said examination. Further, the candidate must have passed 10+2 (or equivalent) with subjects of Physics, Chemistry Biology/ Biotechnology and English.
