

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 950
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JULY, 2026**

IMPACT OF NEET-BASED ADMISSIONS ON MEDICAL SEATS

950. SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the impact of NEET-based admissions on availability of medical seats for students from rural and regional language backgrounds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any requests from States for greater flexibility in admissions to Government medical colleges and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of MBBS seats added in Government medical colleges during the last five years, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure fair, transparent and accessible medical admissions across the country?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

(a) to (e): Section 14 of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019 provides for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) as the common entrance examination for medical admissions, which can be conducted through a designated authority.

NEET (UG) serves as the common entrance examination for admission to MBBS/ BDS/ BAMS/ BSMS/ BUMS/ BHMS and other Under-Graduate medical courses in approved/recognized Medical/Dental /AYUSH and other Colleges/ Deemed Universities /Institutes (AIIMS & JIPMER) in India. The NEET (UG) is conducted in following 13 languages: English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.

The Government has taken several measures to increase the availability of MBBS seats in the country. Academic year (A.Y.) wise number of Undergraduate (MBBS) seats increased in last Five years are as under:

S.No.	Academic Year	No of UG seats increased (Academic year wise)	Total No. of UG (MBBS) seats in the Country
1.	2022-23	7,398	99,463

2.	2023-24	9,652	1,09,115
3.	2024-25	8,641	1,17,756
4.	2025-26	11,682	1,28,976
5.	2026-27	10,513	1,39,489

Further, The Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) conducts the counselling for seats of undergraduate (UG/MBBS) and postgraduate (PG) medical courses as per the scheme devised by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Counselling for UG covers 15% all India quota seats; 100% seats of Central Institutes/ Universities, Deemed Universities; 100% seats in all the Institutes of National Importance (INI). Counselling for PG courses covers 50% seats of All India Quota seats, 100% seats of Central Institutes/Universities and Deemed Universities. Counselling for the State quota seats in UG and PG medical courses is conducted by the respective State Governments.
