

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

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 77  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2024**

**DEFERMENT OF NEET-UG COUNSELLING**

**77 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:**

Will the Minister of Health and Family Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has deferred the NEET-UG counselling without announcing any new date;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government is aware of the fact that, due to deferment of NEET-UG counselling, the future of lakhs of students has been put in jeopardy; and
- (d) the details of steps taken/to be taken by Government to conduct NEET-UG counselling in a hassle-free manner?

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

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA  
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(a) to (d) National Testing Agency (NTA) declared the result of NEET-UG on 26.07.2024. After the declaration of the result by NTA, the date of counselling has been notified by Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) of Directorate General of Health Services(DGHS) through public notice dated 29.07.2024. Registration of eligible candidates will start from first week of August, 2024 and first round of counselling will start from 14.08.2024.

The allotment of seats under NEET-UG is carried out through a transparent Online Counselling process. It ensures convenience and accessibility to candidates by allowing them to participate in a hassle-free manner.

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राज्य सभा  
तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या: \*77  
दिनांक 30 जुलाई, 2024 को पूछे जाने वाले प्रश्न का उत्तर

नीट-यूजी काउंसलिंग का स्थगन

\*77. श्री अनिल कुमार यादव मंदादी:

क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने नई तिथि घोषित किए बिना ही राष्ट्रीय पात्रता सह प्रवेश परीक्षा (नीट-यूजी) के लिए काउंसलिंग को स्थगित कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि नीट-यूजी के लिए काउंसलिंग के स्थगित होने के कारण लाखों छात्रों का भविष्य अधर में लटक गया है; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा नीट यूजी काउंसलिंग को सुगम तरीके से आयोजित करने के लिए उठाए गए/उठाए जाने वाले कदमों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

उत्तर

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(क) से (घ) विवरण सदन के पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

दिनांक 30 जुलाई, 2024 के राज्य सभा तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या \*77 के उत्तर में उल्लिखित विवरण

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(क) से (घ): राष्ट्रीय परीक्षा एजेंसी (एनटीए) द्वारा नीट-यूजी परीक्षा का परिणाम दिनांक 26.07.2024 को घोषित किया गया था। एनटीए द्वारा परिणाम की घोषणा के पश्चात स्वास्थ्य सेवा महानिदेशालय (डीजीएचएस) की मेडिकल काउंसलिंग कमेटी (एमसीसी) द्वारा दिनांक 29.07.2024 की सार्वजनिक सूचना के माध्यम से काउंसलिंग की तारीख अधिसूचित की गई है। पात्र उम्मीदवारों का पंजीकरण अगस्त, 2024 के पहले सप्ताह में आरंभ होगा और काउंसलिंग का पहला चरण दिनांक 14.08.2024 को प्रारंभ होगा।

नीट-यूजी के अंतर्गत सीटों का आवंटन एक ऑनलाइन काउंसलिंग पारदर्शी प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से किया जाता है। इस प्रक्रिया में उम्मीदवारों को बिना किसी परेशानी के भाग लेने की सुविधा और सुलभता सुनिश्चित की जाती है।

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SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI: Sir, the Government, in its reply, states that the first round of NEET-UG counseling would commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. When would it conclude the process?

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL: Sir, the question pertains to the commencement of the NEET-UG counseling, 2024, for which we have already announced that the first round of counseling will begin on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August and, as per the Supreme Court's order, we will be holding the counseling in four rounds. The registrations are already starting in the first week and then we would carry it on through four rounds.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary. ...(*Interruptions*)...One minute. Are you replying?

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL: Yes, Sir. I would like to apprise the House about the dates also. The first round will be from 14<sup>th</sup> August till 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, second round will be from 5<sup>th</sup> September till 13<sup>th</sup> September, third round would be from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October and fourth round would be from 16<sup>th</sup> October till 24<sup>th</sup> October.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary; Shri Anil Kumar Yadav Mandadi.

SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI: How will the Government ensure that such incidents do not recur? Do they plan to bring any changes to the NTA?

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL: Sir, as you know, the NTA falls under the Ministry of Education. Insofar as the allegations of paper leaks are concerned, the Supreme Court judgement has already come to us and every Member of the House is well aware of the Supreme Court judgement. I would only like to assure the hon. Member, through you, Sir, that this Government is committed to the best interests of the students and whatever is needed would be done by the Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Third supplementary; Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu.

**श्री सतनाम सिंह संघू:** सभापति महोदय, प्रधान मंत्री, मोदी जी के नेतृत्व में पिछले दस सालों में 15 नए एम्स बनाए गए। इसके अलावा, एनडीए शासन के 10 वर्षों के दौरान 263 नए मेडिकल कॉलेजेज खुले। गौरतलब है कि आजादी के बाद 2014 तक भारत में केवल 380 मेडिकल कॉलेजेज का ही निर्माण किया गया था। मेडिकल एजुकेशन में भ्रष्टाचार को समाप्त करने के लिए

नेशनल मेडिकल कमीशन की स्थापना की गई। मेडिकल काउंसिल ऑफ इंडिया (एमसीआई) देश का मुख्य मेडिकल एजुकेशन का प्राधिकरण है, जो 1934 से काम कर रहा था। उसे सितम्बर, 2020 में भंग कर दिया गया और उसकी जगह नेशनल मेडिकल कमीशन ने ले ली। इस संबंध में, क्या मंत्री महोदय यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि पिछले दस वर्षों में मेडिकल एजुकेशन में सुधार के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

**श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल:** सर, नेशनल मेडिकल कमीशन 2019 में बना और हमने नीट को एक यूनिफॉर्म एंट्रेंस एग्जाम की तरह यूज किया, for admissions to all the Government and private medical colleges for UG, PG and SS courses. फिलहाल, आप सुधार के लिए जो प्रश्न पूछ रहे हैं, इस पर हम अलग से चर्चा कर लेंगे।

**SHRI A.A. RAHIM:** Sir, the number of NEET UG applicants in the country is increasing every year with applications rising from approximately 11.5 lakhs in 2017 to 24 lakhs this year. However, the availability of seats has not increased proportionately. In this context, I would like to ask, through you, the hon. Minister regarding the setting up new AIIMS in Kerala. We are eagerly waiting for the announcement from the Government side. What is the stand of the Government in this regard?

**SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL:** Sir, establishment of AIIMS in Kerala does not pertain to the subject of the Question today. Insofar as the increase in the UG and PG seats is concerned, I don't have the exact figures with me right now. But the House is much aware that in ten years we have taken every step to increase the number of both UG and PG seats in medical education.

**SHRIMATI SAGARIKA GHOSE:** Sir, the NEET examination is India's biggest competitive examination with 25 lakh candidates, 2 lakh invigilators and 4,500 examination centres. Is the Government considering, for the next year, decentralising the NEET examination which will make examining authorities more accountable because the responsibility to conduct the examination can be distributed among regional and State entities? A local examination board is in a better position to understand and tackle the problem faced by students in particular regions. Has the Government put in place any plans to decentralise the NEET examination for the next year?

**SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL:** Sir, going into the background of the introduction of the NEET examination, prior to this common entrance examination, students had to appear in multiple exams which had a different syllabus and a different paper format.

So, to overcome the hardships of students, this uniform entrance examination was introduced. In so far as decentralisation of the examination and once again going back to earlier system is concerned, I would pass on the suggestions of the hon. Member to the hon. Minister of Education.

SHRIMATI SAGARIKA GHOSE: But, Sir ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I told you that there is a mechanism. Now, next question. Question No.78.