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Students affected by the NEET-UG 2024

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the manner in which students in India were affected by the paper leak scandal in the NEET-UG 2024 examination;
- (b) the number of people arrested in connection with the NEET-UG 2024 scandal, and who among the NTA officials has been held responsible for their actions;
- (c) whether Government is considering an alternative arrangement for medical course admissions in response to public demands to cancel the NEET-UG 2024 exam, if so, when this decision will be made; and
- (d) the details of exams scheduled by the NTA for the year 2024 which have been cancelled so far, and how many students have been affected by these cancellations?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (d) The NEET (UG) 2024 Examination was conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on 5th May 2024 at 4750 Centres in 571 cities (including 14 Cities abroad). 24,06,079 candidates registered for the examination, out of which 23,33,297 candidates appeared in the same. After the conduct of NEET(UG) 2024 Examination, certain cases of alleged irregularities/cheating/malpractices were reported. The Ministry of Education asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the entire gamut of alleged irregularities including conspiracy, cheating, breach of trust etc. w.r.t. the NEET(UG) 2024 Examination. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in WPC 335/2024 and connected matters, in Order dated July 23rd, 2024 has said that "Ordering the cancellation of the entire NEET(UG) 2024 Examination is not justified on the application of the settled tests which have been propounded in the decisions of this Court or on the basis of the data and material available in the record".

In compliance of the aforementioned order, the revised result of NEET(UG) 2024 Examination has been declared on 26th July, 2024.

The UGC-NET June 2024 Examination, held on 18.6.24 for over 11.21 lakh candidates was cancelled after receipt of certain inputs alleging that integrity of the examination may have been compromised. The matter was entrusted to CBI for thorough investigation. The National Testing Agency (NTA) which conducts the UGC-NET examination has already informed candidates that the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination shall now be conducted between 21st August, 2024 and 4th September, 2024 in C.B.T. mode
