

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding strike by resident doctors of Medical colleges and delay of NEET and PG counselling.

**SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:** Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government that Resident Doctors of medical colleges across the country have been resorting to strikes as a consequence of which the entire health service has been adversely affected. Therefore, I would like to flag the attention of the Government that at least they should come forward and try to proactively solve the issue.

We all are aware that COVID-19 new variant Omicron is becoming a new looming threat, which has already started emerging in our country and to that score those Resident Doctors are supposed to play a very significant role. According to their statement, India has been suffering a shortage of 40,000 doctors, and right at this situation when we are destined to face the onslaught of Omicron afresh, we need the services of these doctors. The doctors are protesting that the NEET PG Counselling process is being delayed by the lackadaisical attitude of this Government. So, the doctors from across the country have been resorting to such kind of strikes as a gesture of protest so as to draw the attention of this Government. So, the Government should come forward and take remedial measures as early as possible. Thank you, Sir.