

Seventeenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding admission in medical and dental courses in Tamil Nadu.

SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON (KALLAKURICHI): Sir, I rise to express the untold hardships faced by the students who aspire to seek admission into medical and dental courses in Tamil Nadu.

Under the able guidance of our leader Thalapathy Stalin, Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed the resolution unanimously and it is pending on the Governor's Table.

So, I urge upon the Home Ministry to take immediate action in this regard.

For the past five years, NEET has adversely affected the students from socially and economically weaker sections and particularly those who hail from villages and rural areas.

About 20 students in Tamil Nadu committed suicide due to mental pressure caused by NEET. Further, NEET has caused great mental agony for the students since they are asked to take the exam weeks immediately after completing rigorous board examinations at 10+2 level.

NEET has also encouraged mushrooming of coaching centres and has legalised collection of exorbitant coaching fees ranging from five lakhs to ten lakhs per student, a sum that is unaffordable for most.

So, I urge upon the Health Ministry and also the Home Ministry to take immediate action on the exemption from the NEET. Thank you, Sir.

