

>

Title: Demand to repeal NEET in case of Tamil Nadu and NEXT Exams proposed to be conducted by National Medical Commission.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI (THOOTHUKKUDI):

Sir, there are reports that the Cabinet has approved the National Medical Commission Bill, 2017 to replace the MCI. The NMC proposes to conduct National Exit Test (NEXT) for the final MBBS course. This is another national level exam, all-India exam and a blow to social justice. A student, if he or she cannot pass the NEXT exam, will not be allowed to practice as a doctor.

In a country, which is as diverse as India, every State has a different health policy and the syllabus is based on that. How can you have one examination for the entire nation and decide the capability of the student? The Government is taking away education step by step from the State authority. This is what they are doing with the new education policy also. They are trying to take away education from the States completely. NEET has already claimed so many lives in Tamil Nadu. Yesterday, our leader MK Stalin had raised this issue in the Tamil Nadu Assembly and the Chief Minister had promised to take this matter to the court to repeal NEET in case of Tamil Nadu and also from those States which do not want NEET examination. Now, you are bringing in NEXT also.

So, I urge the Government to stop bringing these all-India exams and make sure that our students get a chance to become doctors.

Thank you.

