

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2588  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th August, 2023**

**NATIONAL EXIST TEST**

**2588. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:**

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the protests against the holding of National Exist Test (NExT) in Tamil Nadu to withdraw it as per the demand of Tamil Nadu Medical Students Association;
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether NExT is based on Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) pattern with some clinical knowledge;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government has any plans for wider consultations with all stakeholders including State Governments before conducting the NExT examinations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE  
(DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR)**

(a) to (f): The National Medical Commission (NMC) notified the NExT Regulations, 2023 on 27.06.2023. The Regulations was prepared after taking into consideration the large number (nearly 6500) of comments received during the consultation process. The draft regulations was discussed and approved in the meeting of the NMC where Universities and State Medical Councils are also represented.

The NExT will be a comprehensive computer-based examination based on high-quality multiple-choice questions (MCQ) focused on addressing higher domains of knowledge aligned to competencies expected of a medical graduate practicing modern system of medicine.

The National Exit Test (NExT) is the basis of:-

(i) Certifying the eligibility of the medical graduate to register to practice the modern system of medicine in India and therefore serve as a Licentiate Examination.

(ii) Determining the eligibility and ranking for the purpose of admission of those desirous of pursuing further Postgraduate Medical Education in the country in broad medical specialities and therefore serve as an entrance Examination for admission to courses of Postgraduate Medical Education, including for admission of foreign medical graduates.

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