## Regarding exemption of Tamil Nadu from NExT Exam for final year MBBS students? laid

DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI (KALLAKURICHI): NMC under Union Health Ministry has announced (NExT) for Final Year MBBS students to be held from 2024. Postgraduate admission will be based on the merit of candidates in NExT. NExT is not in the interest of students, as it would be an additional burden on students. Imposing NExT is another attempt to dilute the role of state governments and universities under State Health Ministry. Major fund to the medical institutions is borne by the state governments. The Union Government is gradually diluting the role of the state governments and universities in the Health Ministry. Our Party DMK functions by the slogan of our Founder Leader Periangar Annadurai "Federalism at the center and autonomy at the state", ?madhdiyil kootatchi, maanilathil suyatchi?. Union Government never respects the sentiments of the people of the state and acts against their wishes, like Tamil Nadu government is continuously seeking exemption from NEET. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister, Thalapathi MK Stalin has also requested the Hon'ble Prime Minister not to introduce NEXT in Tamil Nadu. So, I request the Union Health Ministry and Union Government to exempt NEXT from Tamil Nadu and allow the existing system to continue.