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

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1352 TO BE ANSWERED ON 9th February, 2024

#### FREE COACHING FOR NEET

#### 1352. SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced any free coaching facility for the students hailing from the rural and marginalised regions enabling them to pass National Eligibility Entrance Test (NEET);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including district-wise details of Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the candidates passing NEET Exam over the last two years, State/UT-wise including those belonging to Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any step to enhance the participation of women in the NEET coming from the rural and marginalised background, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the female candidates appearing in NEET in Maharashtra, district-wise; and
- (f) whether any State Government has proposed to do away with NEET/has refused to conduct NEET and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government for the resolution of these issues?

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

(a) to (f): Section 14 of the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019 mandates for National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) to be conducted as a common/uniform entrance test for admission to the undergraduate and postgraduate courses in all medical institutions in the country. NEET is a historic reform promoting meritocracy and providing

opportunity to meritorious students to get admission in the best medical institutions in the country. It has resulted in curbing malpractices in medical admission, greater transparency and reducing the burden on prospective students of appearing in multiple entrance exams.

NEET is conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA). To help the students to practice well for NEET (UG) exam, NTA has launched a Mobile App 'National Test Abhyas' to facilitate candidates' access to high quality mock tests online, free of cost. The syllabus of NEET (UG) is based on the syllabi of all the State Boards and National Boards. Question Papers are prepared taking the help of the State level Experts. Further, to enable the candidates from State Boards and rural areas to understand the questions properly, the Question Paper for NEET (UG) is conducted in different languages.

As per information made available by NTA, the details of the students who qualified NEET during the last two years, State/UT-wise is at Annexure. Further, a total of 1,38,555 and 1,54,614 female candidates appeared in NEET (UG) 2022 and 2023 respectively in Maharashtra.

Annexure State/UT-wise details of number of students who qualified NEET (UG) in the year 2022 & 2023

SI. No.	State/ UT	2022	2023
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLAND	521	537
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	40344	42836
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2027	2296
4.	ASSAM	17027	19133
5.	BIHAR	55709	64916
6.	CHANDIGARH	1905	2219
7.	CHHATTISGARH	16299	19610
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	465	588
9.	DAMAN & DIU	195	257
10.	DELHI	35113	39764
11.	GOA	1882	2204
12.	GUJARAT	41901	49915
13.	HARYANA	26666	29794
14.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	10129	10962
15.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	20005	20564
16.	JHARKHAND	15154	17894
17.	KARNATAKA	72262	75248
18.	KERALA	59404	75362
19.	LADAKH	367	422
20.	LAKSHADWEEP	105	167
21.	MADHYA PRADESH	27134	49324
22.	MAHARASHTRA	79974	131008
23.	MANIPUR	3548	4556
24.	MEGHALAYA	978	1603
25.	MIZORAM	587	913
26.	NAGALAND	731	1648
27.	ODISHA	20654	28330
28.	PUDUCHERRY	2362	3140
29.	PUNJAB	8614	12043
30.	RAJASTHAN	65758	100314
31.	SIKKIM	317	632
32.	TAMIL NADU	57215	78693
33.	TELANGANA	28093	42654
34.	TRIPURA	1738	2334
35.	UTTAR PRADESH	88889	139961
36.	UTTARAKHAND	7323	10843
37.	WEST BENGAL	37301	59053

<sup>\*</sup>Source:- NTA Press Release dated 13 June 2023