

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
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COMMON ENTRANCE TESTS FOR MEDICAL COLLEGES  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce common entrance test for admissions to Government, private and deemed medical colleges in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the said tests are likely to be introduced alongwith the modalities worked out for the purpose;
- (d) whether there has been opposition from certain State Governments against the said move; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIGHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): Yes.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has constituted a Committee which is presently working out the modalities related to the implementation of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical courses at both Undergraduate and Postgraduate levels throughout the country. No time frame can be specified for the introduction of the tests.

(d) & (e): A few State Governments have expressed apprehension about the proposed NEET which pertained to the syllabus, medium of test, reservation, etc.