

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMON MEDICAL ENTRANCE TESTS

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

(a) whether the proposed National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) medical courses is mandatory for all the Government and private medical colleges including All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the States/UTs have accepted the proposal for the said common medical entrance tests from 2013-14; (

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/proposed by the Government to address their concerns; and;

(e) the manner in which the said common medical entrance tests are likely to be conducted in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

(a) & (b) Medical Council of India (MCI) has amended its relevant regulations to provide for conduct of single entrance examination for admission to Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) medical courses viz. National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) from 2013. NEET is mandatory for admissions to UG and PG courses in all the Government and private medical colleges that come under the ambit of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956. However, AIIMS which has been set up under separate Act is not covered under NEET.

(c) & (d) Majority of States have accepted the proposal but few States have expressed apprehensions about the proposed NEET which pertained to syllabus, medium of test, reservation policy, etc. Most of the apprehensions have been addressed. A few private medical colleges and the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have filed writ petitions in the respective High Courts seeking exemption from NEET. These petitions have been transferred to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the matter is sub-judice.

(e) NEET-PG has already been conducted by National Board of Examinations during 23rd November, 2012 to 06th December, 2012 as a Computer Based Test with multiple choice questions in English language only.

NEET-UG 2013 is scheduled to be held on 05th May, 2013 by Central Board of Secondary Education in six regional languages viz. Gujarati, Bengali, Tamil, Marathi, Telugu and Assamese in addition to Hindi and English. The test would consist of one paper of three hours duration containing 180 objective questions from Physics, Chemistry and Biology to be answered on the specially designed machine gradable sheet using ball pen only.

However, Conduct of NEET would depend upon the decision of Hon'ble Supreme Court in the pending transfer petitions.