

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of the languages allowed in the medical entrance test in the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to allow certain more languages including Kannada in the medical entrance test; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c): All India Pre-Medical/ Pre-Dental Entrance Test-2014 was held in English or in Hindi. Candidates can opt for question paper either in English or in Hindi. However, previously, the National Eligibility and Entrance Test (NEET) -2013 for undergraduate medical courses was conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in six regional languages, viz. Gujarati, Bengali, Tamil, Marathi, Telugu and Assamese in addition to Hindi and English languages. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its judgement dated 18.07.2013 in NEET related cases quashed the implementation of NEET. The Central Govt. has filed a petition before the Court to review its decision. As such the matter is sub-judice.