

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding NEET Examination.

\*SHRI C. MAHENDRAN (POLLACHI): Hon. Madam Speaker, Vanakkam. The introduction of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission into medical colleges will only be unilaterally favouring the rich students of Urban areas. Whereas, the rural poor students, who are socially and economically backward, will not be able to compete with the urban students. This may lead to a state of inequality which is dangerous. The students from urban areas can avail facilities like coaching centres, classes and study material for getting them prepared for the NEET. But the same facilities are not available for the socially and economically backward rural students. Moreover, NEET has created confusion and frustration among the poor students especially those living in the small towns and villages of Tamil Nadu. Under the golden reign of Hon. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma, Tamil Nadu remained and continue to remain a progressive State in providing health and public sanitation to all the people of Tamil Nadu particularly the rural poor. Under the able vision of Hon. *Puratchithalaivi* Amma, 22 medical colleges were opened in the State in order to bring out well-trained doctors matching with the population of Tamil Nadu. Particularly in the rural areas of Tamil Nadu, we need to have trained Doctors who know the local language, Tamil. If the students from other States join the medical colleges located in Tamil Nadu through NEET then it will drastically affect the total number of serving Doctors in Tamil Nadu. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: You have raised your matter.

Dr. J. Jayavardhan, you can associate with him.

Shri P.R. Sundaram is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri C. Mahendran.