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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2026

VACANT PG MEDICAL SEATS IN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE MEDICAL COLLEGES

2853. SMT. RAJATHI:

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

a) the number of PG Medical seats lying vacant in Government and private medical colleges across India post NEET PG of this academic year;
(b) the steps taken to fill up the vacant seats; and
(c) whether Government is considering discontinuing the NEET exam which is exclusionary in nature and does not serve the purpose?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c): The Medical Counselling Committee (MCC) of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) conducts counselling for postgraduate medical courses as per the scheme laid down by the Hon′ble Supreme Court of India. NEET PG counselling conducted by MCC covers 50% All India Quota seats and 100% seats of Central/Deemed Universities across the country. Counselling for State quota PG seats is conducted by the respective State Governments and counselling for private medical colleges comes under the purview of State counselling authorities. After Stray Round of 2025, a total of 1140 seats remained vacant.

The Government reduced the qualifying percentile for eligibility to PG Counselling 2025 to ensure that valuable PG medical seats do not remain vacant. The revised qualifying percentiles for NEET PG 2025 are as under:

- UR Category: Eligibility reduced to above 7 percentile
- UR–PwD Category: Eligibility reduced to above 5 percentile
- SC / ST / OBC Categories: All candidates declared qualified

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 which provides opportunity to meritorious students to get admission in the best medical institutions in the country. It has resulted in greater transparency and reduced the burden of appearing in multiple entrance examination for prospective candidates.

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