

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding filling up of vacancies in institution of higher education in Medicine.

SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY (ONGOLE): Thank you very much, Chairman, Sir. I would like to bring to your knowledge a very important issue related to vacant seats of Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master of Surgery (MS) in our country. As all of us are aware that these seats for specialist doctors remain vacant each year due to very high cut off score of NEET PG. As per the data available in public domain, in the years of 2019 and 2020, a total number of 4002 and 4614 MD/MS seats respectively remained vacant.

Sir, the criteria for MBBS students to qualify for the NEET PG exam is based on 50 percentiles. Although cut off percentile reduces after two rounds of medical counselling, as it reduced from 50 percentile to 30 percentile in 2020, yet 4614 MD/MS seats remained vacant in that year itself. My humble request to the Government is to further reduce this high cut off score.

Otherwise, we would be losing a lot of valuable doctors in our country. During COVID-19 pandemic we all had struggled due to shortage of doctors in our country. Through you, I humbly request the hon. Health Minister to look into it and reduce the cut off percentile.

I have one more submission and that is with regard to the students who have come back from Ukraine. Many other colleagues have also spoken on this issue. In my parliamentary constituency itself, a lot of students have come back. Our hon. Chief Minister, Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy *Garu* has set up a special team to bring these students back. But there is a big question mark on continuation of their further studies. So, they have to be accommodated in Indian medical colleges at reasonable fee. The reason for these students going abroad to study is the low fee there. So, this has to be taken as emergency and should be considered seriously. Thank you.

माननीय सभापति : कट ऑफ के बारे में तो निर्णय हुआ है ।

श्री गौरव गोगोई (कलियाबोर): सर, सरकार की तरफ से स्पष्टीकरण आना चाहिए । इतने सारे सदस्यों ने इस प्रश्न को उठाया है । आज सुबह शिक्षा मंत्री जी ने सिर्फ इतना ही कहा है कि इस पर कुछ कार्य हो रहा है । ... (व्यवधान) इतने वरिष्ठ सदस्यों ने इस विषय पर प्रश्न किए हैं तो कोई स्पष्टीकरण तो आना चाहिए । ... (व्यवधान)

माननीय सभापति: सारी बाते सुनी गई हैं, जब वे उचित समझेंगे तो उसका उत्तर देंगे । ठीक है, आपने अपनी बात रख दी है ।