

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3214
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government conducts Common Entrance Examination for entry in to MBBS courses to various Government medical colleges all over India;
- (b) if so, whether the examination is conducted only in English ;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that rural students studying in their regional languages are at a disadvantage as a result of it; and
- (d) if so, the concrete measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a), (b), (c) & (d). The Hon`ble Supreme Court of India had devised and approved the scheme under which 15% of MBBS/BDS seats in the Government Medical / Dental colleges in all the States (except Andhra Pradesh and J&K) are to be filled up on all India basis through the All India Entrance Examination to be conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education. The Hon`ble Supreme Court at the time of approval of the scheme had considered the question of holding the examination in the regional languages. However, considering various factors, and the fact that the entire MBBS/BDS and PG Education is imparted in English throughout the country, the Hon`ble Court directed that the All India Entrance Examination should be held in the English language.