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Title: Need to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET Examination.

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The reasons for objection of Tamil Nadu Government to the NEET are as follows:-

- (1) Ostensibly to make a level playing field for the rural students, who don't have access to Private Coaching Centres.
- (2) Students and Parents are reluctant because of the short period for preparation after the Board Examination, Unfamiliar area of the entrance examination, Cut-off Marks, Minus Marking are sore points.
- (3) Necessary steps have been taken to improve School Education in Tamil Nadu which require some more years to yield its fruits.
- (4) The reforms have been introduced by investing money to improve the infrastructure as well as the teaching methods.

I, therefore, urge the Government to look into the matter sympathetically.