



Medical seat aspirants demand priority for Karnataka students

Upset with KEA for inviting applications from all over India

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Karnataka Medical Students and Young Doctors Association wants all institutional quota seats in private medical colleges to be given to students from the State. They fear that MBBS and DBS courses will go to students from other States.

At a press conference on Saturday, Association president Bharat Kumar said that as per National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) norms, private colleges in India have to allot 15% of seats in MBBS and DBS courses for the all-India quota while the rest are to be allotted to students from the respective State.

"Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has invited applications for over 2,000 seats under this quota from students all over India and allowed them to participate in the counselling. This will deprive Karnataka students. Over 46,000 students from the State, who have qualified in the NEET, are waiting for admission," said Mr. Kumar.

To express its support, Karnataka Sanghatanegala Okkoota has organised a dharna on Monday at 11 a.m.



Scores of candidates, who have come from various parts of India, took part in the document verification process for NEET counselling in Bengaluru on Saturday. ■ SUDHAKARA JAIN

in front of the KEA. Students and their parents are expected to take part in the demonstration.

Outstation students

The fifth day of the document verification process for admission to medical and dental colleges saw seat aspirants wait for hours for document verification.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority had invited candidates who had NEET ranks between 73,001 and 1,20,000 for verification. Many candidates, particularly outstation students, had to cancel their travel plans due to the delay.

The father of a candidate

from Uttar Pradesh said that their session was scheduled to end by 1.15 p.m., but had not even started at 3 p.m.

All candidates had to wait outside the KEA office for their turn.

One student said, "Only once we go inside is there provision for seating and access to toilets."

The KEA is yet to implement its plan for online verification of documents.

"Many candidates from other States have to spend a lot of time and money on travel to get their documents verified. This can be avoided if the process is carried out online," Ayush S., an outstation candidate, said.

Quota for Karnataka students in medical, dental seats to go up

Meghana Choukkar

BENGALURU: Heeding to the demand of students, the state government has decided to increase the reservation for students of Karnataka domicile from 30% to 50% in the institution seats in private medical and dental colleges.

Private colleges hand over 40% of their seats to the government which are offered to students at a concessional fee. Management and Non-Resident Indian (NRI) seats make up another 20% of the seats. The remaining 40% seats are institution seats, which belong to the private colleges.

Earlier, of the 40% institution seats in colleges part of the Consortium of Medical Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (ComedK), 30% was reserved for students of Karnataka domicile. The remaining 70% seats were of open quota to be filled based on the All India Ranking in the NEET exam. Students from outside the state were also eligible for these seats.

However, only Karnataka students are eligible for seats in government colleges and government-quota seats in private institutions.

On Wednesday, the Karnataka Medical Students' and Youth Doctors' Association held a protest march in the city, saying that the ratio was unfair to students from Kar-

nataka. They had said that the government was allowing students from outside Karnataka to compete for seats here when other states have not opened up their colleges in a similar way.

Members of the association met Medical Education Minister Dr Sharanprakash Patil in Kalaburagi on Saturday and presented their demands. Following this, a decision was made to revise the ratio. Now, only 50% of the institution seats are in the open quota.

"There was a demand from students, so we decided to change the ratio. We have discussed it with the consortium and we have convinced them as well. Some changes will have to be made in the agreement and it is in the process," the minister said.

The association, however, still has other demands that it wants to raise and has called for a peaceful demonstration on Monday in front of the office of the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) in Malleswaram.

"We want it to give more seats for students of Karnataka in the minority institutions as well. We have some other demands too, which our team is discussing. You can expect a huge gathering of students on Monday," said Dr Bharat Kumar, president of the association.

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ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಸೀಟು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ

ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಖಾಸಗಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಕೋಟಾದಡಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮೀಸಲು ಸೀಟು ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಶೇ 30ರಿಂದ ಶೇ 50ಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಶೇ 40ರಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಟ್ಟವೆ. ಶೇ 20ರಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟು ಅನಿವಾಸಿ ಭಾರತೀಯರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯ ಶೇ 40ರಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟುಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಅರ್ಧದಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

‘ರಾಜ್ಯದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬೇಡಿಕೆ ಇದೆ. ಹೀಗಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮೀಸಲು ಸೀಟು ಪ್ರಮಾಣವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಜೊತೆ ಸಭೆ ನಡೆಸಿ ಅವರನ್ನೂ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ’ ಎಂದು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸಚಿವ ಡಾ.ಶರಣ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ ಪಾಟೀಲ ‘ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ’ಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು.

‘ಬೇರೆ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಕೋಟಾದ ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಆಯಾ ರಾಜ್ಯದವರಿಗೇ ನೀಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದರೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರರಾಜ್ಯದವರೇ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೀಟು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ’ ಎಂದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಯುವ ವೈದ್ಯರ ಸಂಘ ಇತ್ತೀಚೆಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನೆ ನಡೆಸಿತ್ತು.