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# Notice to MCI, CBSE on plea against NEET upper age limit

Limitation of 25 years arbitrary, counsel tells SC

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The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Medical Council of India (MCI) and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to respond to a challenge by students against an MCI norm laying down upper age limits for applying for NEET for MBBS and BDS courses.

**Notice to Kerala govt.**

A Bench comprising justices Adarsh Kumar Goel and Ashok Bhushan also issued notice to the Kerala government on a plea by a group of 170 medical aspirants led by Ja-



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The aspirants have challenged the Delhi High Court's May 11 judgment, dismissing the pleas challenging the MCI notification of January 22, laying down the upper age limit of 25

years and 30 years for general and reserved categories respectively.

During a brief hearing, the counsel appearing for the students told the Supreme Court that the limitation of 25 years was "completely arbitrary".

**Struck down clause**

However, the High Court had earlier struck down a clause in the January 22 notification, which barred candidates who had studied in open school or students who have had Biology or Biotechnology as an additional subject or those who had taken more than two years to complete their 11th and 12th or those who had studied privately from appearing in the NEET.

## ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ಕೋಟಾದಡಿ ಶೇ. 15ರಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟು

ಡೀಮ್ಡ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಸೆಂಟ್ರಲ್ ವಿವಿ, ಇಎಸ್‌ಐಸಿ ಆಂಡ್ ಎಎಫ್‌ಎಂಸಿ, ಬಿಎಚ್‌ಯು ಹಾಗೂ ಎಎಂಯುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ಕೋಟಾದಡಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಶೇ. 15ರಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟುಗಳ ಹಂಚಿಕೆಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೇವೆಗಳ ಮಹಾನಿರ್ದೇಶನಾಲಯ (ಡಿಜಿಎಚ್‌ಎಸ್) ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಕೌನ್ಸೆಲಿಂಗ್ ನಡೆಸಲಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗೆ ಎಂಸಿಐನ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು. ಇನ್ನು, ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿನ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಶೇ 85ರಷ್ಟು ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಮೂಲಕ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ಶೇ 15ರಷ್ಟು ಅಖಿಲ ಭಾರತ ಕೋಟಾದ ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಡಿಜಿಎಚ್‌ಎಸ್ ಕೌನ್ಸೆಲಿಂಗ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸೀಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಂಚಿಕೆ ಮಾಡಲಿದೆ.

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