

SC Verdict on Super Speciality Seats: TN Health Minister

TN Health Minister welcomed the Supreme Court ruling ordering that 50% of vacant super-speciality seats revert to the State if DGHS reduces the percentile.

A Supreme Court judgement addressing the reversion of vacant super-speciality medical seats from the All India Quota to State quota.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- Tamil Nadu Health Minister **K.G. Arunraj** termed the **Supreme Court** ruling on super-speciality medical seats as historic.
- Tamil Nadu will surrender unfilled super-speciality seats for the second round of **All India Quota** (AIQ) counselling.
- If the Directorate General of Health Services (**DGHS**) lowers the percentile after counselling, **50%** of vacant seats must revert to the State.
- The ruling resolves prolonged ambiguity over vacant seats in **higher medical education** counselling.
- The directive aims to prevent medical seats from remaining unfulfilled while safeguarding **State rights**.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

Medical education standards and regulations in India are governed by the National Medical Commission (NMC) under the **NMC Act, 2019**.

The All India Quota (AIQ) scheme was introduced in **1986** under Supreme Court directives in the **Pradeep Jain case**.

Article 47 of the Constitution mandates the State to regard the raising of the level of nutrition and public health as primary duties.

The Directorate General of Health Services (**DGHS**) operates as an attached office of the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Program (TNHSRP) is implemented with financial assistance from the **World Bank**.

Supreme Court of India exercises Special Leave Petition jurisdiction under **Article 136** of the Constitution.

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Syllabus Relevance: Crucial for Group 1/2 Unit 9 (Human Development Indicators, Education & Health Systems) and Unit 5 Polity (Center-State relations and Judiciary).

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