



PRESS NOTE

CBSE denies any data leak of NEET-UG 2018.

It is alleged that the data of around two lakh candidates who had appeared in NEET-UG 2018 conducted by CBSE has been breached and is available for a price. While this appears to be the handiwork of certain unscrupulous persons with the objective of duping the gullible public, it is pertinent to set the records straight by CBSE.

This piece of news is categorically denied by CBSE on the basis of underlying facts.

1. The entire data of more than 13,26,725 candidates of NEET-UG was maintained only in encrypted format with strict security measures with National Informatics Centre (NIC). So much so that, even in the printout of the confirmation page downloaded by the candidates, the vital details such as identification documents, mobile and email id are in the encrypted format.
2. The National Informatics Centre (NIC) hosts several government data in a highly secured environment. Even when CBSE obtains data from NIC for the purpose of allotment of Roll Numbers and results, it does not contain personal details such as mobile numbers, details of identification documents, email IDs, etc.
3. The results are declared by CBSE through NIC and do not contain mobile number, email Id and other identification details of the candidates. If any communication is made by CBSE with candidates through SMS or email id, the same is sent with the registration number of the candidates.
4. Similarly, after the declaration of the results, the data of all 13,26,725 NEET-UG 2018 candidates was given to Directorate General Health Service, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India for providing the same to the states and other counselling authorities for the purpose of counselling of 85% seats under their jurisdiction. This data is also shared with the concerned states in a highly secured format and is password protected too.

Therefore, there is no question of any breach of data or any misuse of data by CBSE. Rather, CBSE has a fool proof system of conducting such prestigious and high stake examinations such as NEET-UG, and ensures data protection in the interest of examinees and to uphold the sanctity of public examinations. CBSE has requested NIC to take appropriate cognizance of the issue.

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