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Tamil Nadu petitions the Supreme Court after the President refuses to sign an anti-NEET bill.



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On Saturday, the Tamil Nadu government filed a case in the Supreme Court contesting the Indian President's refusal to sign the Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Bill, 2021.

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from using the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for medical college admissions.

According to the plea, the Governor's Secretariat's March 4 communication revealed that the Union government's assistance and advice were used to mechanically withhold assent to the Bill without providing an explanation.

The petition claimed that the State has provided thorough responses to all of the Union government's objections.

The State argued that the President's decision had resulted in a constitutional deadlock.

It was argued that the plea presents significant issues regarding federalism, legislative autonomy, and the application of Article 201 and Article 254(2).

The lawsuit claims that in previous NEET years, there were reports of impersonation, irregularities, and paper leaks, and that a numerical score is insufficient to gauge the qualitative qualities needed in the medical field. By normalizing marks scientifically, the Bill of 2021 aims to break away from this system.

The lawsuit aims to declare that the President's refusal to sign the 2021 Bill is unconstitutional and may be overturned.

Additionally, it has requested a statement that the Bill is considered to have gained Presidential assent under Article 254(2) or, alternatively, a directive to present the Bill to the President once more for new consideration.

Advocate Misha Rohatgi brought the lawsuit, which was resolved by Senior Advocate P Wilson.