CORRIGENDUM 15 April 2023

Subject: Information Bulletin of NEET (UG) 2023 - Clause 5.2.2-reg.

In pursuance of the Judgment dated 03.02.2023 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P(C) 891/2021 and connected matters and in supersession of earlier corrigendum dated 31.03.2023 on the subject, aspiring OCI Candidates of NEET (UG) 2023 are hereby informed that the amended provision of Clause 5.2.2 of the Information Bulletin of NEET (UG) 2023 dealing with the *Eligibility of OCI Cardholders for NEET (UG)*, shall be read as follows:

Existing Provision

The Ministry of Home Affairs vide Notification dated 4 March 2021 specified the rights to which an OCI cardholder shall be entitled under the Citizenship Act, 1955. Clause (4) (ii) of the said Notification reads as under:

- "(4) parity with Non-Resident Indians in the matter of-
- (ii) appearing for the all India entrance tests such as National Eligibility cum Entrance Test, Joint Entrance Examination (Main), Joint Entrance Examination (Advanced), or such other tests to make them eligible for admission only against any Non-Resident Indian seat or any supernumerary seat:

Provided that the OCI cardholder shall not be eligible for admission against any seat reserved exclusively for Indian citizens."

The above Notification provides the following Explanation:

"The OCI Cardholder (including a PIO card holder) is a foreign national holding passport of a foreign country and is not a citizen of India."

Similarly, the PIO cardholder and foreign nationals shall not be eligible for admission against any seat reserved exclusively for Indian citizens. Hence, OCI/PIO will be treated as foreigners and be eligible for NRI seats only and will not be eligible for Indian National Seats including paid seats of deemed universities.

Amended Provision

- Nationals, Non Resident (i) Indian Indians (NRIs). Overseas Citizen of India (OCI), Persons with Indian Origin (PIO) and Foreign Nationals admission eligible are for Medical/Dental/Ayurveda/Siddha/Un ani/Homeopathy Colleges subject to rules and regulations framed by the respective State Governments. Institutions and the Government of India as the case may be.
- (ii) In compliance of the Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 03.02.2023 in W.P No. 891 of 2021, OCI will be entitled to the rights and privileges which had been conferred on them earlier to the notification dt 04/03/2021.