

Colleges sell MBBS, PG seats, says NGO

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Cashing in on the huge demand for MBBS and post-graduate medical seats in the state, private medical colleges have begun admissions for filling management quota seats seven months in advance for the next academic year 2012-13.

The managements can fill 40 per cent of seats on their own under the 'management quota'. While the government prescribed fee is ₹5.5 lakh per annum for management quota seats, it is an open secret that the managements charge up to ₹70 lakh.

PG medical seats command a market rate of ₹1 crore to ₹1.5 crore. The demand is even more for PG

seats in radiology, gynaecology, and paediatrics.

Though some students, parents and voluntary organisations have taken up this issue of selling MBBS seats to the highest bidder with the NTR University of Health Sciences, which regulates medical colleges in the state, there has been no response from it.

Irked by this, the Save Merit Society, a voluntary organisation, has now complained to the AP High Court, state government and university officials.

In its complaint, the society alleged that NTRUHS has failed to initiate any steps to curb sale of seats by private colleges despite bringing the issue to its notice several times.