

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
IN SUPERSESSION OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA
SECTOR-8, POCKET-14, DWARKA PHASE-1, NEW DELHI-110077**

Fifth meeting of the Board of Governors

11th November, 2018 (Sunday) – 9.30 a.m. onward

MINUTES

The fifth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 11th November, 2018 from 9.30 AM onward in the Council Office at Dwarka, New Delhi.

The following members of the Board of Governors were present:-

Dr. V. K. Paul, Chairman
Dr RandeepGuleria, Member
Dr. Jagat Ram, Member
Dr B N Gangadhar, Member
Dr. Nikhil Tandon, Member
Dr S Venkatesh, Member
Dr Balram Bhargava, Member

Dr. Sanjay Shrivastava, Secretary General, BOG - MCI also attended the meeting.

The Chair welcomed the members.

Following is the summary of proceedings and decisions of the meeting:

1. **Confirmation of minutes of the 4th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.10.2018.**

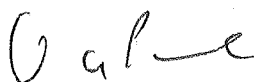
Earlier the minutes were circulated. The Chairman and one member of the BoG approved the minutes. The minutes of the fourth meeting were confirmed.

2. **Action taken on minutes of the 4th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.10.2018.**

The action was not taken as the minutes were not approved/confirmed.

3. **Consideration of matter with regard to establishment of medical college at Jamshedpur in joint venture of Tata Steel Limited and Manipal University.**


07.12.18



The matter relating to establishment of new medical college at Baridih, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand (Manipal Tata Medical College by Manipal Academic of Higher Education Trust in collaboration with (i) Tata Steel and (ii) ArdeshirDalal Memorial Hospital Society u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 for academic year 2019-20 was considered in the Executive Committee meeting on 4.9.2018 and the Committee decided to return the application to the Central Govt. recommending disapproval of the scheme. The decision has not been conveyed pending approval of the Oversight Committee. Earlier, during the academic year 2013-14, the BoG had not accepted the said proposal of the college.

The matter was placed before the BoGs for

- (A) In-principle decision for incorporating amendment in Establishment of New Medical College Regulations, 1999 to allow private - private partnership for establishment of new medical college.
- (B) If 'A' above is approved then for defining the conditions which may be fulfilled by the two private partners. The conditions may include the financial turn over, lease of land/hospital etc.

Decision:

1. The Board of Governors confirmed the following decision dated 4.9.2018 of the Executive Committee of the erstwhile Medical Council of India:-

"..... In view of above, the Executive Committee of the Council decided to return the application for establishment of a new medical college at Baridih, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand (Manipal Tata Medical College, Tata Nagar, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand) by Manipal Academy of Higher Education Trust, Manipal Karnataka in collaboration with (i) Tata Steel Limited & (ii) ArdeshirDalal Memorial Hospital Society to the Central Government recommending disapproval of the scheme u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 for the academic year 2019-20 as there is no provision u/s 10A of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 or the regulations framed therein to keep the application pending in the Council office for the next academic year."

The BoG noted that at present there is no provision of the private-private partnership in the Regulations. Therefore, the BoG endorsed the decision of the EC and decided to issue show cause notice for disapproval of the scheme.

2. This item may be discussed in the Board of Governors' meeting along-with item relating to reforms in medical education.




3. The Board of Governors also felt the need of one lead institution in case of multiple applicants. In this regard, final decision to be taken in BoG's subsequent meeting.
4. **Consideration of recognition of DM (Nephrology) qualification at Govt. Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram (instead of TD Medical College, Alappuzha, Kerala) under section 11(2) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956.**

The BoG considered order dated 27.05.2015 in WP (C) No. 23576/2013- Dr. J. Gomathy Vs. State of Kerala &Ors and order dated 03.07.2018 in WA No. 1493/2013 in MCI vs. Dr. S. Gomathy &Ors in the matter relating to recognition of DM (Nephrology) qualification of Govt. Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram w.e.f. 1998 in place of May, 2004 i.e. the year in which Dr. S. Gomathy had passed out alongwith legal opinion dt. 23.10.2018 of Law Officer as decided by erstwhile MCI PG Committee dt 2.8.2018.

Decision:

The Board of Governors decided to comply with the Order dated 27.05.2015 in WP (C) No. 23576/2013- Dr. J. Gomathy Vs. State of Kerala &Ors and Order dated 03.07.2018 in WA No. 1493/2013 in MCI vs. Dr. S. Gomathy &Ors in the matter relating to recognition of DM (Nephrology) qualification of Govt. Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram w.e.f. 1998 in place of May, 2004. Keeping in view the Order of the Hon'ble High Court in the writ appeal and peculiar facts & the circumstances of the case, the Board of Governors in Super-session of Medical Council of India decided to recommend to the Central Government to recognize the DM (Nephrology) course at Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram under University of Kerala w.e.f. June 1998 instead of May 2004.

5. **Consideration of recognition of DGO qualification for 06 seats in respect of students being trained at MLN Medical College, Allahabad granted by Chhatarpati Sahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow.**

The BoG considered letter dt. 13.8.2018 received from Principal, MLN Medical College, Allahabad with information that compliance is not required, once, course has been stopped and deficiencies pointed out earlier were historical and so they cannot be corrected now. Request for grant of recognition of DGO qualification in respect of students being trained at MLN Medical College, Allahabad till admission made in 2012 as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court order, vide LP No. 9888/2009 dated 22.4.2009 in

case no. 6984/2009. Later, Hon'ble Supreme Court by order dt. 2.5.2011, stay order was removed and therefore admission was stopped in 2012.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the letter dated 13.08.2018 received from Principal, M.L.N. Medical College, Allahabad with the information that compliance is not required, once, course has been stopped and deficiencies pointed out earlier were historical and so they cannot be corrected now. The Board of Governors further noted that DGO admissions were made at MLN Medical College, Allahabad till 2012, as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court Order", vide order no SLP 9888/2009 dated 22.04.209 in case no 6984/2009. Later the Hon'ble Supreme Court by order SLP 9888/2009, dated 02.05.2011, removed the stay order and therefore admission was stopped in 2012.

Keeping in view the peculiar facts and the circumstances of the case, the Board of Governors in Super-session of Medical Council of India decided to recommend to the Central Government to recognize the DGO qualification of students who were admitted at MLN Medical College, Allahabad till 2012. Accordingly, the BoG decided to recommend to the Central Govt. to recognise DGO qualification for 06 seats in respect of students being trained at MLN Medical College, Allahabad granted by Chhatarpati Sahuji Maharaj Medical University, Lucknow for batches admitted up to 2012, as has been done in respect of other similarly placed cases of retrospective recognition where course has been stopped now.

6. Change of University from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar to Al-Karim University, Katihar and inclusion of name of Al-Karim University, Katihar in First schedule of IMC Act, 1956.

The BoG consider letter dt. 17.9.2018 from the Principal, Katihar Medical College, Katihar stated that the Govt. of Bihar vide notification dt. 15.6.2018 has granted permission to Al-Karim Educational Trust, Patna for establishment and operation of Al-Karim University, Katihar. The BoG may also consider change of university from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar to Al-Karim University, Katihar for students admitted from academic year 2018-19.

Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the proposal for change of affiliation of Katihar Medical College, Katihar from Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar to Al-Karim University, Katihar for students admitted from academic year 2018-19. The batches admitted earlier till academic year 2017-18 shall continue with Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University, Madhepura, Bihar.

The Board of Governors further decided that the first batch admitted under Al-Karim University, Katihar when appears in first Prof. Examination, the Council shall carry out the assessment of examination to ensure that the standard of examination is as per Council norms. Further, at the time of passing out of first batch of MBBS students admitted under Al Karim University, an assessment to examine the standards of examination of the new university shall be carried out.

7. Consideration of scanning and digitization of faculty declaration.

Read agenda notes.

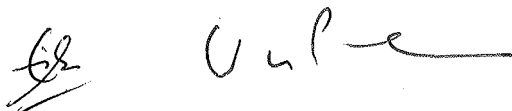
Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the proposal to assign work of data entry, digitization and scanning of faculty declaration forms at the existing rate of Rs. 10.32 per declaration form as approved earlier to M/s Synapse Solutions Pvt Ltd., an empanelled vendor of NICSI (National Informatics Centre Services Inc.), A Government of India Enterprise under NIC for a period of six months.

8. Recognition of DGO course of Darbhanga Medical College, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga from retrospective date of 1963 – representation for consideration – correction in date of recognition.

The BoG considered the representation dt. 20.8.2018 of the Principal, Darbhanga Medical College, Laheriasarai regarding correction in the notification issued by MoHFW dt. 29.12.2017 recognizing DGO qualification in respect of students trained at Darbhanga Medical College, Laheriasarai from 1963 onwards instead of 2014 under LN Mithila University/Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna.

The matter was placed before the BoGs for recommending correction of year of recognition i.e. from 1963 onwards instead of 2014.



Decision:

Keeping in view the peculiar facts and the circumstances of the case, the Board of Governors in Super-session of Medical Council of India decided to recommend to the Central Government to recommend recognition of the DGO qualification of students who were admitted at Darbhanga Medical College, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga from retrospective date of 1963 like MS(Orthopaedics), MD(P.S.M/Community Medicine), MD(Radiodiagnosis), MD(Microbiology), D'Ortho & MD(Biochemistry) course.

Accordingly, the Board of Governors decided to recommend to the Central Govt. to recognise DGO qualification of 12 seats in respect of students being trained at Darbhanga Medical College, Laheriasarai, Darbhanga granted by Bihar University (1963 to 1972), Mithila University (1972-1980), L.N. Mithila University (1980-2011) and Arya Bhatt Knowledge University, Patna, 2011 onward as has been done in respect of other similarly placed courses of retrospective recognition.

9. **Disciplinary cases pending against officers/officials of the MCI: Representations have been received from the following officers/officials regarding consideration of their case where disciplinary proceedings are going on:** (Deferred item of BoG meeting dt. 25.10.2018)

- (a) Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary (U/s)
- (b) Shri Anuj Kumar, Section Officer
- (c) Smt. Deepa Sachdeva, Assistant

The status of various disciplinary cases pending at various stages was perused by the BoG.

Further, the Disciplinary proceedings against the following four officers/officials of the Council are in the matter relating to alleged huge payment made to M/s. Krishna Prints and M/s. Sai Photostat Centre:-

- (1) Sh. Vineet K. Aggarwal, then Accounts Officer (Retd. on 28.09.2018)
- (2) Shri Anuj Kumar, Section Officer
- (3) Smt. Deepa Sachdeva, Assistant
- (4) Sh. Sanjay Ujjainwal, UDC

The statement showing the date of last review of suspension for 90 days was also perused.

The matter was placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and decision.

Decision:

1. Deputy Secretary (Admn.&Vig) to prepare brief note category wise for cases where CBI inquiry/CVC advise/departmental decision to conduct inquiry has been taken. In case of sub-judice cases, the status may also be prepared. The Sub-Committee of the BoGs with members, Prof. Balram Bhargava and Prof.B.N. Gangadhar to examine the office note/proposal and furnish their recommendations in two weeks time.
2. BoG decided to issue directions to Inquiry Officers and Presenting Officers to expedite inquiry at the earliest preferably within one month.
3. Till such time that BoGs takes decision on recommendations of Sub-Committee referred in point 1 above, the suspension of officers/officials (wherever applicable i.e. the employees under suspension) may be extended for 90 days from the date of expiry of suspension.
4. In case of decision to institute inquiry against the following officers/officials, the Board of Governors decided to appoint Mr. S. Natrajan, Consultant (Administration) as Inquiry Officer and Mr. Jai Bhagwan Hooda, Consultant (Finance/Accounts) as Presenting Officer.
 - (i) Sh. Vineet K. Aggarwal, then Accounts Officer (Retd. on 28.09.2018)
 - (ii) Shri Anuj Kumar, Section Officer
 - (iii) Smt. Deepa Sachdeva, Assistant
 - (iv) Sh. Sanjay Ujjainwal, UDC

The Inquiry Officer/Presenting Officer appointed earlier in case of inquiry against Smt. Deepa Sachdeva, Assistant stands cancelled and modified as above.

10. Grant of permission to Hi-Tech Medical College, Rourkela to admit discharged 2015-16 batch students to the college in 2018-19.

The BoG considered letter dated 30th October, 2018 of the Govt. of India, MoHFW stating that the response of BoG is not in keeping with the spirit of the order of Supreme Court wherein it was held that "it is for the MCI as well as the Govt. of India to consider the matter and take a decision". The Ministry requested the BoG to relook the matter and propose a possible solution to Central Govt. in the spirit of Hon'ble Supreme Court's order dt. 31.8.2018.

The BoGs decision taken in 3rd meeting of the BoG held on 18.10.2018 and a copy of letter sent to Ministry was perused by the BoG.

The matter was placed before the BoGs for consideration.

Decision:

The Board of Governors decided to reiterate its decision dated 18.10.2018 conveyed to the Central Government vide letter dated 22.10.2018.

11. Presentation on assessment process**Decision:**

Deferred.

12. To consider the proposal for remuneration of BoG Members

The BoG considered the proposal for remuneration of BoG members, it was informed that the President and other members/assessors of the Council were drawing the sitting fees with the previous approval of MoHFW as under:-

(i)	President	Rs. 7500/- per day
(ii)	Vice President	Rs. 5000/- per day
(iii)	Chairman, PG Committee	Rs. 5000/- per day
(iv)	Members	Rs. 3000/- per day
(v)	Assessors	Rs. 5000/- per day

Besides above, all the above officials were entitled to travel by economy class.

The remuneration of Secretary-General has also not been decided by the Ministry/BoG.

The matter was placed before the BoGs for recommending

Decision:

The Board of Governors decided to recommend to Central Government to decide the sitting fee and travelling and other allowances for the Board of Governors in terms of IMC Act, 1956 amendment inserted by Act 32 of 2010 Section 3A(5) which is reproduced below:-

"(5) The Chairperson and the other members, other than the members, ex officio, shall be entitled to such sitting fee and travelling and other allowances as may be determined by the Central Government."

The Board of Governors also decided to recommend to Central Government to decide salary/remuneration for the Secretary General to Board of Governors in supersession of Medical Council of India.

13. Medical Education Reforms – priorities**Decision:**



The Board of Governors decided to have a dedicated meeting to discuss this agenda in which amongst other the following issues may be discussed:

- (1) Internship related issues;
- (2) UG Curriculum
- (3) Release of periodic news/information dissemination to stake holders
- (4) Senior Residency related issues
- (5) Alternatives to PG theses
- (6) Rationalizing cost of medical education
- (7) Establishing health sciences universities in all states by 2022

- (8) Journal publications
- (9) Problems related to NEET/NEXT
- (10) Electronic resources
- (11) Faculty development programme
- (12) Family Medicine/Family practitioners
- (13) Consideration of provisions of various Regulations
- (14) Any other related issue

14. Execution of DMMP-II project

The matter with regard to execution of DMMP-II project the provision contained in the original contract with M/s. Bodhtree Consultation Ltd., Selection of M/s. Bodhtree Consulting Ltd.

The matter is placed before the Board of Governors for perusal of the progress of DMMP Project-II and decision regarding making of payment against outstanding invoice.

Decision:

1. The IT Sub-Committee of the BoGs may take presentation from M/s. Bodhtree Consultation Ltd. and M/s. Logicsoft on priority basis, within two weeks and furnish its recommendations highlighting the achievements/ fulfilment of the conditions stipulated in agreement and current status of the DMMP.
2. As suggested by Dr. S. Venkatesh, the Sub-Committee may also invite Dr. Ramkrishnan, Ex-DG, CDAC as special invitee for his inputs.




3. The IT Sub-Committee may also consider report and recommendations of M/s. CDAC.

15. Appointment of Experts – regarding.

It was informed that as per the decision of the Board of Governors, appointment letters for 3 groups of experts P.G. Committee BoG were sent to the concerned faculty/experts vide Council letter dated 29/10/2018. The consent of 25 members was received.

In this connection, the then P.G. Committee held on 06/09/2018 considered the items pertaining to recognition/ starting/ increase of seats (157), which has been confirmed by the subsequent P.G. Committee dated 18/09/2018. The same was communicated to the Oversight Committee for approval. However, the approval was not received as the Oversight Committee was not working.

The then P.G. Committee dated 18/09/2018 considered Items - 96 and the minutes were not communicated to Oversight Committee as the same was not existing.

The P.G. Committee meeting was to be held on 27/09/2018 to consider 79 Items but was not held as the Board of Governors had taken over the charge of Medical Council of India.

In addition to above, 500 matters of recognition are pending for consideration.

The matter was brought to the notice of Dr. Nikhil Tandon, Member, BoG, who has opined that the meeting of Experts likely to be fixed on 14/11/2018.

In view of above, the matter was placed before the BoG for perusal and approval of plan of action for examination of pending cases by the Group of BoG appointed Expert group – PG.

Decision:

The Board of Governors decided that the hearing may be granted by Committee of :

- A. BoG Member/Chairman/Co-Chairman of PG Expert Group-Chairman.
- B. Two experts to be drawn from PG Expert Group – Members.
- C. To be assisted by JS (PG)/SO (PG).

Two hearing Committees or more may simultaneously give hearing to expedite work at the earliest.




16. Inclusion of Diploma in Diabetology in Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000- Regarding.

Decision:

Read agenda item.

The matter was to be placed before the Postgraduate Committee as its ensuing meeting, however, in the meantime, Board of Governors in Supersession of Medical council of India had taken charge on Medical Council of India.

The matter was placed before the Chairman BOG and the Chairman, BOG referred the matter to Prof. Nikhil Tandon. The Member BOG has recommended as under on 05.11.2018:-

"PG Expert Committee/note subject expert."

In view of above recommendations of the member BOG, the matter with regard to inclusion of Diploma in Diabetology in Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000 and the recommendation of Member BOG was placed before the Board of Governors for its consideration.

Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the BoG Member Incharge (PG) to refer this matter to a three member Expert Committee, including one subject expert to be drawn from PG Expert Group. The PG Section may take approval from BoG Member Incharge PG for constituting Expert Committee.

17. Consideration of directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras regarding recognition of MD(Radio-diagnosis) qualification in respect of Dr. S. Ashwin kumar, petitioner who passed his MD(Radio Diagnosis) qualification from Government Medical College, Kottayam, Kerala-regarding.

It matter with regard to recognition of MD(Radio-diagnosis) qualification in respect of Dr. S. Ashwin Kumar, petitioner being trained at Govt. Medical College, Kottayam for consideration and approval to comply with the directions with the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, dated 28.08.2018 and also to pursue the case relating to submission of compliance by the college.

Decision:




The BoG noted that the petitioner, Dr. S. Ashwin Kumar has obtained MD(Radio-diagnosis) from Govt. Medical College, Kottayam during 2011-14. The degree has been awarded by KUHS.

The Board of Governors decided to comply with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras dated 28.08.2018 in W.P. No. 22202 of 2017 and WMP no. 23227 of 2017 and recommend recognition of MD(Radio Diagnosis) qualification for 1 seat in respect of students being trained at Government Medical College, Kottayam, Kerala under Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS) for first four batches w.e.f. year 2014. The BoG also directed the PG section to take further necessary action regarding verification of compliance as per provisions of the applicable Regulations.

18 Starting/ Increase of PG (Broad Speciality) courses at various medical colleges (80 courses of 19 medical colleges) for the academic year 2019-20 – req.

The BoG considered the letter dated 10/08/2018 received from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, which reads as under:

"I am directed to say that MCI has recommended disapproval/returned PG (Broad Specialty) applications in respect of various courses of medical colleges on grounds such as non submission of Consent of Affiliation (COA), wrong nomenclature in COA, non payment of fees and adjustment of fees etc.

2. As per section 10A(3) of IMC Act, 1956, MCI on receipt of a scheme, is required to give an opportunity to rectify deficiencies if any in such applications. However, it appears that MCI has not given an opportunity to the applicant before returning the scheme(s) to the central Government. From the communications received from MCI in respect of UG applications (2019-20), it is observed that MCI has written to the applicant colleges to rectify the deficiencies in their application MCI letter No. MCI-34(41)(E-30)/2018-Med./126337 dated 31.07.18 and letter No MCI-34(41)(E-20)/2018-Med./126357 dated 31.07.18 and letter No.MCI-34(41)(E-20)/2018-Med./126357 dated 31.07.18 may be referred (copies enclosed).

3. MCI is, therefore, requested to give similar opportunity to PG applicants also. Recommendations received from MCI in original are returned for doing the needul."

In this connection, it was informed that as per the list enclosed with the MOHFW letter dated 10/08/2018, the applications were returned to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi vide various letters due to the deficiencies.




As per Time Schedule for processing of applications for PG (Broad Speciality) courses the last date for receipt of applications by the Council was 15th April, 2018.

The matter was referred to BoG, Member, Incharge PG by the Chairman, BoG. The Member Incharge observed "BoG may consider giving opportunities to those colleges only where defective Consent of Affiliation has been submitted. For remaining to be placed before the BoG."

The matter was placed before the BoG for consideration and decision.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the recommendations of BoG Member Incharge PG which is as under:-

"BoG may consider giving opportunity to those college(s) where deficient Consent of Affiliation has been submitted (category 4, in item 08, for meeting of BoG on 25/10/2018) for remaining to be placed before BoG."

Read agenda note.

The Board of Governors decided to disapprove scheme in all 80 applications in respect of the following **Four** categories:-

I. Applications where fee has not been submitted by the Institute or requested for adjustment of fee:

Total Colleges: 10

Total Applications: 43

II. Applications where Consent of Affiliation has not been submitted by the Institute:

Total Colleges: 05

Total Applications: 21

III. Applications where Consent of Affiliation & Fee has not been submitted by the Institute:

Total Colleges: 03

Total Applications: 11

IV Applications where consent of affiliation vide University letter dated 24th March 2016, for academic year 2017-18, which was valid for one year only, was submitted by the Institute:

Total Colleges: 01

Total Applications: 02

19. Consideration and approval of the draft letter to issue Letter of Intent & Letter of Permission to the Institutions – regarding.

It was informed that the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi vide letter dated 03/10/2018 returned the recommendations of the Council, wherein, LoP was recommended stating that:

“ ...

3. *MCI is superseded by Board of Governors (BoG) on 26.09.2018 and BoG has to grant independently permission for establishment of new medical colleges or opening a new or higher course of study or training or increase in admission capacity in any course of study or training or increase in admission capacity in any course of study or training referred to in section 10A...”*

A. 115 courses, Letter of Intent have been issued by the Ministry and asked to the Institutes to submit Bank Guarantee as well as conditions enumerated in the letter of intent, however, the Letter of Permission was not issued (list attached).

B. 59 courses, Letter of Intent has not been issued by the Government, while, the then Medical Council of India has recommended for Letter of Permission (list attached).

The DFA letter for LOI and LOP to be issued by the Board of Governors in accordance with the procedure was being followed by the Central Government was placed before the BoG for consideration and approval.

Decision:

The draft LOI letter to be considered as conditional LoP draft letter as the provision of issuing LOI has been deleted from the Regulations. The necessary Bank Guarantee and undertaking to be obtained from the medical college by giving 15 days time. In case the same is not received, then reminder with direction to submit Bank Guarantee and undertaking in 7 days time to be issued. The draft was approved with this modification. The second draft presented to be considered as




Letter of Permission, to be issued after receipt of Bank Guarantee and undertaking.
This draft was also approved.

20. Time Schedule for receipt of Applications for opening of Postgraduate (Broad Speciality) courses/ increase of admission capacity and processing of the applications by the Central Government and Medical Council of India.

It was stated that the Council had received an E-mail dated 04/04/2018 from Mr. Devesh Deval, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi informing therein that it is desired in view of the amendments of PG Regulations, the last date for receipt of applications may have to be extended beyond 07/04/2018 by at least 2 weeks and preferably by 3-4 weeks, since the colleges would have to be made aware of the changes and they would need time to obtain necessary documents such as Consent of Affiliation from University to apply for PG courses. This would ensure increase of PG seats in 2019-20.

The matter was submitted before the Board of Governors for consideration and decision.

Decision:

Read agenda note.

The Board of Governors noted that earlier on two occasions the Postgraduate Medical Education Committee of the erstwhile Council considered this matter and with the approval of the Oversight Committee, the Council requested the Ministry to move an application for amendment in time schedule for processing of applications of PG Broad speciality courses. Further, the Council did not agree with suggestion to extend the date for receiving fresh applications.

The Board of Governors considered the various aspects of extending the date for receiving revised Consent of Affiliation/application including the following implications:-

1. The Regulations as mentioned above are to be revised for which approval of Hon'ble Supreme Court will also be required.




2. There is a possibility that some of the colleges which have not applied for starting/increasing number of PG seats may apply afresh. The number of such applicants cannot be predicted at this point of time.
3. In case the Ministry suggestion of extending date by 1 month is accepted the Time Schedule needs to be worked out to complete the entire process of assessment, giving opportunities of hearing, compliance verification assessment, issue of Letter of Permission.
4. At this point of time when some of the applications are pending even for first level decision and for granting hearing to cases which are recommended for disapproval, matter relating to calling for fresh application needs to be decided (whether to accept revised applications from applicants whose scheme has been recommended for disapproval by the PGMEC of the erstwhile Council).

In view of the above, the Board of Governors decided not to accept the suggestion to extend date by 01 month for receiving revised Consent of Affiliation/application at this stage (in middle of November) as it will require re-assessment of colleges applying for revised number of seats including the colleges which are already recommended for approval or disapproval. Due to time constraint it is not possible to complete the entire process in given time limit.

21. (i) Kumaon University, Nainital – Recognition of MD(Radiodiagnosis) qualification for 2 seats in respect of students being trained at Govt. Medical College (Prev. Uttarakhand Forest Hospital Trust Medical College), Haldwani- correction req.

- (ii) Kumaon University, Nainital – Recognition of MD(Biochemistry) qualification for 1 seat in respect of students being trained at Govt. Medical College (Prev. Uttarakhand Forest Hospital Trust Medical College), Haldwani- correction req.

It was informed that Ministry vide letter dated 24.10.2018 (received in this office on 29.10.2018) has drawn attention of the Council to earlier correspondence dated 05.09.2018 and has stated as under:-

“that postgraduate Committee of MCI has recommended to the Central Government for recognition of MD(Radiodiagnosis) qualification for 2 seats and MD (Biochemistry) qualification for 1 seat in respect of batches admitted in the academic year 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17 & 2017-18 at Govt. Medical College (Prev. Uttarakhand Forest Hospital Trust Medical College), Haldwani.




2. *It is observed that Council has recommended recognition of both the aforesaid courses in respect of batches admitted in the academic year 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17 & 2017-18 excluding 2015-16 batch for which no specific reason was given....."*

Under Secretary, Ministry of Health & F.W. has requested to this Council to clarify the reasons for excluding 2015-16 batch in both the recommendations.

The matter was placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and decision.

Decision:

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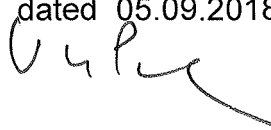
1. **Recognition of MD(Radiodiagnosis) qualification for 2 seats in respect of students being trained at Govt. Medical College under Kumaon University, Nainital (Prev. Uttarakhand Forest Hospital Trust Medical College), Haldwani**

In view of above, letters dated 13.09.2018 & 24.10.2018 received from college authorities and Ministry respectively with regard to, inclusion of the batch 2015-16 in the recommendations as communicated to Ministry vide Council letter dated 05.09.2018 which was not included in the decision of PG Committee inadvertently/typographical error. The Board of Governors approved the proposal to rectify the typographical error to include batch 2015-16 in Council's recommendation letter dated 05.09.2018. Accordingly, the BoG directed the PG section to furnish revised recommendation to the Ministry to include batch 2015-16.

Regarding request of the Principal of the College vide letter dated 13.09.2018 for recognition for the batch 2018-19, the BoG decided that the college authorities may be informed about the provisions of the IMC Act, 1956/Regulations regarding recognition of PG degree for 5 years followed by renewal of recognition.

(ii) Recognition of MD(Biochemistry) qualification for 1 seat in respect of students being trained at Govt. Medical College under Kumaon University, Nainital (Prev. Uttarakhand Forest Hospital Trust Medical College), Haldwani

In view of above, letter dated 24.10.2018 received from the Ministry of Health & FW with regard to include the batch 2015-16 in the recommendations as communicated to Ministry vide Council letter dated 05.09.2018 which was not

included in the decision of PG Committee inadvertently/typographical error. The Board of Governors approved the proposal to rectify the typographical error to include batch 2015-16 in Council's recommendation letter dated 05.09.2018. Accordingly, the BoG directed the PG section to furnish revised recommendation to the Ministry to include batch 2015-16.

22. Presentation of minutes of the meeting held in PMO on 28th October, 2018 for perusal and discussion on action point.

A meeting was held on 28.10.2018 in PMO under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to PM, Chairman, BoG, Secretary General, BoG& Addl. Secretary, MoH&FW, Govt.of India, on working of the Board of Governors of the Medical Council of India (MCI).

The Minutes of the meeting were placed before the BoG for consideration and discussion on action points.

Decision:

Read agenda note and the minutes of the meeting received from the PMO.

1. Point No.2(i), the Board of Governors decided to request BoG Members Incharge PG to develop the guidelines for objective assessment of the Super-speciality in-house training.
2. Point No.2(ii), noted.
3. Point No.2(iii), the Board of Governors noted that the competency based curriculum to be implemented from August, 2019 (admitted batch) has already been uploaded (notified) on the Council website. Point No.2(iv), the Board of Governors noted that in case of establishment of medical colleges, the allocation of assessors by random selection is being enforced strictly, and an opportunity for appeal / hearing is being provided in case of dissent as a norm (under IMC Act 1956 section 10A4). The compliance verification assessment is done by separate set of 03 assessors. The BoG decided to continue the latter practice (of re-assessment by 3 assessors) which is more rigorous than the suggestion of two assessors.
4. Point No.2(v), the Board of Governors noted the decision. The BoG Member Incharge Registration was requested to look into this issue.




5. Point No.2(vi), the Board of Governors noted the decision. The BoGs also perused the draft amendment incorporating the suggestion made by the PMO and decided to have the final amendment draft in next meeting of the BoG. The BoG Member Incharge UG to develop SOPs for consideration of appeal.
 6. Point No.2(vii), the Board of Governors noted the decision. The BoGs also perused the draft amendment incorporating the suggestion made by the PMO and decided to have the final amendment draft in next meeting of the BoG. The BoG Member Incharge Ethics to develop SOPs for consideration the cases of alleged forged documents.
 7. Point No.2(viii), the Board of Governors noted the decision for implementation.
 8. Point No.2(ix), the Board of Governors welcomed the suggestion and decided that this agenda item may be considered in meeting for discussion of medical education reforms.
 9. Point No.2(x), the Board of Governors noted the decision. This matter was considered as agenda item no. 20.
 10. Point No.2(xi), the Board of Governors noted the decision. The BoGs were informed that the clarification as sought by the Ministry has already been provided. The BoGs directed the office to take necessary steps for creation of post of CVO.
23. **Constitution of expert/ hearing committee members for grant of personal hearing to the Institutions u/s 10A (4) before disapproval of the scheme for starting/ increase of seats u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956.**

It was informed that the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi vide letter dated 03/10/2018 returned negative recommendations of the Council.

The matter was placed before the Board of Governors for consideration and further course of action.

Decision:

The Board of Governors decided that the hearing may be granted by Committee of :

- A. BoG Member/Chairman/Co-Chairman of PG Expert Group-Chairman.




- B. Two experts to be drawn from PG Expert Group – Members.
- C. To be assisted by JS (PG)/SO (PG).

Two hearing Committees or more may simultaneously give hearing to expedite work at the earliest.

24. Work consideration of Postgraduate Section – regarding

Decision:

Read agenda item

The Board of Governors perused the pending time bound work of PG Section and decided that the BoG appointed PG Expert Groups may be asked to summarize the assessment reports which were pending for PGMEC meeting, which was to be held on 27.09.2018 and also the assessment reports which were considered by PGMEC on 18.09.2018. The Board of Governors noted that the minutes of the PGMEC held on 18.09.2018 were neither approved nor confirmed by the PGMEC of erstwhile Council. The Board of Governors also decided to review the decisions taken in cases considered by the PGMEC in its meeting held on 06.09.2018 before taking final decision in these cases.

25. Consideration of the matter along with recommendations of the then P.G. Committee dated 06.09.2018.

Decision:

Read agenda item

The Board of Governors considered the recommendations of the BoG Member Incharge PG who recommended to place the matter before the Expert P.G. Committee (BoG) for its comments/summarizing finding on prescribed format.

The Board of Governors approved the above recommendations of the BoG Member, Incharge P.G.

26. Consideration of grant of hearing to Category –III cases (recommended for disapproval and cases which are likely to be recommended for disapproval from fresh 10(A) cases.




It may be stated that the matter with regard to consideration of grant of hearing to Category –III cases (recommended for disapproval and cases which are likely to be recommended for disapproval from fresh 10(A) cases. The matter was placed before the Board of Governors.

Decision:

Read agenda item

The Board of Governors decided to constitute Hearing Committee and grant hearing under section 10A (4) of the IMC Act, 1956 to the Head of Institutions whose scheme has been recommended for disapproval by issuing show cause notice.

27. Consideration of recommendation of BoG Member, Incharge U.G. in the following time bound cases:-

- (1) Recommendation/Approval of ESIC Medical College, Chennai for the award of MBBS degree - request u/s 11(2) of the IMC Act, 1956.

Recommendation of BoG Member, Incharge U.G. – recognition may be recommended to the Central Government.

- (2) Recommendation/Approval of North Delhi Municipal Corporation Medical College, Delhi for the award of MBBS degree - request u/s 11(2) of the IMC Act, 1956 regarding

Recommendation of BoG Member, Incharge U.G. – recognition may be recommended to the Central Government.

- (3) Recommendation/Approval of Shaheed Hasan Khan Mewti Medical College Nalha, Nuh, Mewat for the award of MBBS degree 100 seats granted by Pt. B.D. Sharma University of Health Sciences, Rohtak - u/s 11(2) of the IMC Act, 1956.

Recommendation of BoG Member, Incharge U.G. – recommended (recognition of MBBS degree) of batch admitted in 2013-14 completing internship in December, 2018.

- (4) Kerala Medical College, Palakkad – renewal of permission of 4th batch of 150 MBBS students in the academic session 2019-20 - assessment regarding

Compliance of directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala dated 22.10.2018.

Recommendation of BoG Member, Incharge U.G. "based on the report submitted by the Assessors on 1st November, 2018 '(Flag-X)' disapproval is recommended".




The BoG Member, Incharge U.G. has recommended that above 4 cases may be placed before the Board of Governors in its Fifth meeting scheduled to be held on 11.11.2018.

Accordingly, recommendations of the BoG Member, Incharge U.G. in above 4 cases was placed before the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the BoG Member Incharge UG in the above mentioned four cases on respective files.

28. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

(i) Constitution of Academic Sub-Committee.

The Board of Governors considered the issue relating to constitution of Academic Sub-Committee to assist the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors directed the Council Office to circulate the terms of reference of Academic Sub-Committee to the BoG members. The BoG members will forward the name of suitable medical teachers/experts who could be included in 10-12 members Academic Sub Committee.

(ii) Starting of various courses at Travancore Medical College, Kollam, Kerala u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 for the Academic Year 2019-20.

Read agenda note.

The Board of Governors noted that :-

1. Applicant college submitted letter dated 04.04.2018 from Kerala University of Health Sciences (KUHS) was not Consent of Affiliation (COA) as per requirement prescribed in Regulations, before the cut off date of 07.04.2018.
2. The applicant college submitted COA vide letter dated 04.09.2018 with COA issued by the KUHS, vide its letter dated 03.09.2018. The BoG further noted that there is difference in number of seats for which college applied/considered by the KUHS and the number of PG seats in subjects for which COA has been issued by the KUHS vide letter dated 03.09.2018.

After considering the above and the provisions contained in the Regulations, the BoG decided to reject the representation dated 02.11.2018 submitted by the College for consideration of PG applications submitted by the College for assessment and further processing and issue show cause notice for disapproval the applications of Travancore Medical College, Kollam, Kerala




for the Academic Year 2019-20. However, the college is free to apply for next academic year as per requirement of the Regulations.

The minutes of the above item were read and approved in the meeting itself.

(iii) Consideration of recommendations of the BoG Member Incharge UG in 09 UG cases as per annexure (Annexure-1).

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the BoG Member, Incharge U.G. in 09 cases on respective files.

(iv) Decision about date of next meetings.

The Board of Governors decided to have the next meeting of the BoG on 22nd November, 2018 (Thursday) from 3 p.m. onwards at Council Office, Dwarka, New Delhi.

The Board of Governors further decided to have a dedicated meeting to discuss medical education reforms on 23rd November, 2018 from 9.30 a.m. in the meeting room (adjacent to Director's room) of AIIMS, New Delhi. In this meeting, representatives of NBE and Directorate General of Health Services may also be called to make presentation about NEET (PG) issues (Mechanism of recognising foreign PG degree, PG counselling, reducing cut off percentage etc.)

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


07.12.18

