

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

Tenth meeting of the Board of Governors

MINUTES

The Tenth meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 12th January, 2019 (Saturday) 11.00 AM onward at ICMR Office, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.

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

Dr. Vinod K. Paul	-	Chairman
Dr. Randeep Guleria	-	Member
Dr. Jagat Ram	-	Member
Dr. Nikhil Tandon	-	Member
Dr. S Venkatesh	-	Member
Dr. Balram Bhargava	-	Member

Leave of absence was received from Dr B.N. Gangadhar, 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:

Part -I (Regulatory Agenda)

The following deferred items of the Ninth meeting of the Board of Governors were taken for discussion and decision:

15. Admission of PG students (Broad-Specialty) at Government Medical College, Surat for the Academic Year 2017-18 - Regarding.

The Board of Governors considered the Admission of PG students (Broad-Specialty) at Government Medical College, Surat for the Academic Year 2017-18.

Read: Agenda note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the agenda and decided:



1. Show cause notice be issued to college authorities and students identified as excess admission, as to why the excess admission should not be cancelled and students admitted in excess should not be discharged. Ask for reply in 10 days.
2. The Dean of the College may be asked to submit compliance (in respected of deficiencies noted during assessment of examination for recognition) in case of Diploma in Anaesthesia and MD/MS (OBG) courses.
3. The Dean of Government Medical College, Surat may be asked to inform the date of recognition / Continuation of recognition of Diploma in Child Health Course.
4. The Board of Governors directed the Monitoring and PG section to be more careful in future and take timely action in monitoring cases. Monitoring and PG section may ensure that prompt action is taken in cases identified as excess admission.

Further, the Board of Governors also decided that there must be provision of imposing exemplary financial penalty on institution in case of excess admission first time & second time and in case of excess admission third time provision of debarring Medical College/Institution from making admission for one. Accordingly, draft amendment in Regulation may be submitted for consideration of the Board of Governors.

16. KNRUHS - PG Admissions 2018-19/Implementation orders of Hon'ble High Court in WP No. 17715 of 2018 Dated 05/07/2018:

The BoG considered the matter with regard to KNRUHS, Telangana - PG Admissions 2018-19/Implementation orders of Hon'ble High Court in WP No. 17715 of 2018 Dated 05/07/2018.

Read: Agenda note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors considered the facts and decided to comply with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court. The Board of Governors directed the Monitoring Cell to make required entries in record and to make necessary communication to the Gandhi Medical College, Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences and Kaloji Narayan Rao University approving of the admissions so made on the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana.

The Board of Governors noted that the Kaloji Narayan University has vide order dated 07.08.18 given effect to Order dated 05.07.18 passed in Writ Petition No. 17715 of 2018. Subsequently, on 06.09.18 the order in Review IA dated 29.08.18 has been accepted. Consequentially, the Council also approves the admission of Dr. Hemanth Kalakuntla in Gandhi Medical College in MD (General Medicine) and Dr. Mohd. Salman in MD (General Medicine) Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences.

17. Approval of the proceedings of the Ethics Committee meeting held on 24th & 25th September, 2018, 16th November, 2018 and 05th December -reg.

The Board of Governors considered the proceedings of the Ethics Sub-Committee meeting held on 24th & 25th September, 2018, 16th November, 2018 and 05th December.

Decision:

The Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the Ethics Sub-committee presented to it in respect of items from serial number 1 to 16 and serial number 18. Recommendations in respect of serial number 17 were not available, therefore was not considered. (Approved recommendations annexed – Annexure –I)

21. Consideration of Ministry's request to prescribe availability of ART Centre and facility for management of MDR-TB in MSR for medical colleges.

The Board of Governors considered the Ministry's request to prescribe availability of Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) Centre and facility for management of MDR-TB in MSR for medical colleges.

The Board of Governors noted that the Ministry has requested that in the interest of the National Programmes the Council may consider making it mandatory for medical colleges/ Institutions to provide facility for management of MDR-TB and to have ART Centre.

Further, the BoG noted that as per existing Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations 2000, now any medical college can apply for starting of postgraduate courses in clinical disciplines at the time of 4th renewal, for admissions of 5th batch of MBBS students.

Read: Agenda note.

Decision:

The Board of Governors decided to prescribe requirement for having Anti Retroviral Treatment (ART) Centre and facility for management of MDR-TB at the time of 4th renewal for admissions of 5th batch of MBBS students in MSR for medical colleges.

25. Confirmation of Minutes of the Eighth meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.12.2018 at AIIMS, New Delhi.

The Board of Governors confirmed the minutes of the Eighth meeting of the Board of Governors held on 25.12.2018 at AIIMS, New Delhi to discuss reforms in Medical Education.

Approved / confirmed minutes annexed – Annexure –II.



26. Increase of seats in various postgraduate courses at Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Puducherry under Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University, Puducherry u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 for the academic year 2019-20 and in lieu of surrender of diploma seats.

The Board of Governors considered the letter dated 16/04/2018 of Central Govt., Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi wherein the Ministry has forwarded applications dated 04/04/2018 received from Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Puducherry for Increase of seats in following postgraduate courses under Sri Balaji Vidyapeeth University, Puducherry u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 for the academic year 2019-20 and conversion of Diploma seat into Degree seats.

Read: Agenda Item

Decision:

The Board of Governors noted that Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Research Institute, Puducherry did not submit application fee for the following 7 courses, fee hence, cannot be considered u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956:

1. MS(Ophthalmology)
2. MD(Paediatrics)
3. MS(Orthopaedics)
4. MS(OBG)
5. MD(Psychiatry)
6. MD(Respiratory Medicine)
7. MD(Anaesthesiology)

Further, the Board of Governors decided that conversion of diploma seats into degree courses in all 10 courses can also not be considered as the de-notification was issued by the Central Government prior to the amendment notification dated 12/07/2018 i.e. on 04/01/2018. The Central Government, MOHFW vide letter dated 30/11/2018 has stated/ opined "It is opined that the diploma seats which were surrendered before issue of the Notification dated 12.07.18 cannot be considered for conversion."

In view of above, the Board of Governors decided as under:

- (a) That appropriate decision may be taken in the following three courses where application fee was received and assessment has already been carried out on merit.

- 1 MS (Otorhinolaryngology)
- 2 MD(DVL)
- 3 MD(Radio-Diagnosis)



(b) Application for the following seven courses, may be disapproved as:

- 1 MS(Ophthalmology)
- 2 MD(Paediatrics)
- 3 MS(Orthopaedics)
- 4 MS(OBG)
- 5 MD(Psychiatry)
- 6 MD(Respiratory Medicine)
- 7 MD(Anaesthesiology)

- (i) Application fee was not submitted for consideration of applications under section 10(A).
- (ii) Conversion of diploma seats into degree courses cannot be considered as the de-notification was issued on 04/01/2018, by the Central Government prior to the amendment notification dated 12/07/2018.
- (iii) The Central Government, MOHFW vide letter dated 30/11/2018 has stated/ opined "*It is opined that the diploma seats which were surrendered before issue of the Notification dated 12.07.18 cannot be considered for conversion.*"

27. **Increase of seats in various courses at Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital, Chennai, Tamilnadu under Bharath Institute of Higher Education & Research (Deemed Univ.), Chennai u/s 10(A) of the IMC Act, 1956 for the Academic Year 2019-20.**

The Board of Governors considered the following applications received from Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital, Chennai, Tamilnadu (Trust) u/s 10(A) of the IMC Act, 1956 through Central Govt. for increase of seats in the following courses from the academic year 2019-20.

Read: Agenda note.

Decision:

1. The Board of Governors noted that the Hearing Committee during its meeting held on 28/12/2018 noted that the college authorities appeared before the committee and submitted their explanation. After hearing the college authorities, the hearing committee decided as under:-

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- a. *The explanation offered by the institution for the discrepancy noted in the IPD figures in the 2(Two) assessment reports of various subjects is that there was an*

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error in the interpretation of IPD patients as those admitted on the given day versus total admission.

- b. The committee noted that this explanation was untenable given the fact that the institution is more than 15 years old and submission made by the college does not explain the discrepancy noted in the 2(Two) assessment reports.
- c. Committee also noted that there has been no increase in workload especially in surgical specialties commensurate with the increase in seats asked for.

2. Further, the Board of Governors noted the following discrepancies subject-wise:

Table 1 : Discrepancies in IPD Figure

S.No.	Course	IPD Figures of 25 th June 2018			IPD Figures of 24 th July 2018		
		Year 1 2015	Year 2 2016	Year 3 2017	Year 1 2015	Year 2 2016	Year 3 2017
1.	MS (Orthopaedics)	45993	46922	47353	8108	8216	8371
2.	MS (General Surgery)	74894	75266	77664	8364	8513	8743
3.	MD (Respiratory Medicine)	15330	15467	16325	2031	2196	2314
4.	MD (General Medicine)	73913	74226	74295	8742	8801	8975
5.	MD (Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy)	12136	12249	12464	2431	2476	2513
6.	MD (Paediatrics)	36789	37119	37229	5693	5817	5932
7.	MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)	44165	44463	44753	8413	8537	8694

Table 2 : Discrepancies in Day Care Operations Figure

S.No.	Course	Day Care Operation of 25 th June 2018			Day Care Operation of 24 th July 2018		
		Year 1 2015	Year 2 2016	Year 3 2017	Year 1 2015	Year 2 2016	Year 3 2017
1.	MS (Orthopaedics)	390	450	510	289	315	334
2.	MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)	823	844	912	1876	1935	2184

3. The BoG decided to disapprove the application for all nine PG Broad speciality courses due to following reasons:

- a. The explanation offered by the institution for the discrepancy noted in the IPD figures in the 2(Two) assessment reports of seven subjects is that there was an error in the interpretation of IPD patients as those admitted on the given day versus total admission. The committee noted that this explanation was untenable given the fact that the institution is more than 15 years old and submission made by the college does not explain the discrepancy noted in the 2(Two) assessment reports.

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- b. Gross differences were also noted in the figures related to Day Care Operations in two subjects.
- c. Absence of commensurate increase in the workload in surgical departments and unsatisfactory explanation given by the college authorities as observed by the Hearing Committee.
- d. Anesthesiology workload is related to the surgical workload and erroneous depiction of Surgery IPD figures raises a doubt about workload shown in Anaesthesiology department. Same holds true for Radiology, which is investigative branch and erroneous IPD figures in the clinical disciplines raises a doubt about workload shown in Radiology dept. Therefore the BOG decided that the application for increase in the seats for PG degree course in these subjects also be disapproved.

28. Consideration of Departmental Enquiry Report submitted by IO in respect of Inquiry conducted against Shri Babu Ram Manuwal, Assistant Secretary, MCI.

Decision:

The Board of Governors perused the inquiry report submitted by the appointed inquiry officer and the note submitted by the Vigilance section. The BoG decided to refer the Inquiry report to the Sub-committee of the Board of Governors to examine disciplinary cases. The Board of Governors requested members of the Sub-committee to present their recommendations in next BoG meeting.

29. Consideration of Departmental Enquiry Report submitted by IO in respect of inquiry conducted against Shri Raj Kumar Dogra, Assistant, MCI.

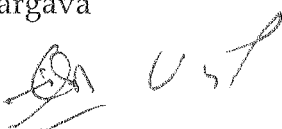
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Item numbers 24, 30, 31, 32 and 33 (table agenda items) deferred.

Part -II (Medical Education Reforms agenda)

1. Issues relating to Internship - Lead: Prof Randeep Guleria and Prof Balram Bhargava



Professor Balram Bhargava made presentation highlighting the issues relating to importance of internship in primary health care, the current status of the internship including its evaluation, possible reforms, the relationship of internship & NEET PG, timing of NEET PG examination and need for / possibilities for improving internship for acquiring increased skill during internship.

After details discussion, the Board of Governors requested Dr Balram Bhargava and Dr. Randeep Guleria to give a write up on their suggestion and discussion held during the meeting.

2. Running PG (SS) in same department (with separate unit): Lead Prof Vinod Paul:

Dr. Vinod K Paul, Chairman, BoG discussed the current scenario of requirements for starting PG (Super-speciality course). The Board of Governors reviewed various requirements and options for starting PG (Super-speciality course). The Board of Governors requested Dr Vinod K Paul to give a write up based on his suggestions and discussion held during the meeting.

3. Having clinicians as faculty in pre-clinical subjects - Lead: Dr Sanjay Shrivastava:

Dr Sanjay Shrivastava, made a brief presentation highlighting the issue relating to shortage of faculty members in pre and para-clinical departments and existing provisions of minimum qualification prescribed for appointment of faculty members in these departments.

The Board of Governors noted that reliable data in respect of availability of faculty members in pre and clinical department is not available. Therefore, the extent of problem is not known. The Board of Governors also took a note of grievance of medical and non-medical teachers of pre and clinical departments.

The Board of Governors discussed various possible measures to meet requirement of faculty members in pre and clinical departments.

The Board of Governors decided to collect data regarding number of faculty members required and available in pre and clinical departments and ask for a write up based on suggestions and discussion held during the meeting.

4. Problems of deemed universities - Lead: Prof B N Gangadhar: Deferred.

5. Special presentation by Mr Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog: Closing the demand - supply gap of quality doctors/specialists: a NITI report [1 PM on]: Deferred.

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

(a) The Chairman, Board of Governors requested the BoG members for their participation in the upcoming National workshops, for implementation of new Competency based Curriculum, for the Convenor and Co-convenor of the Nodal and Regional Medical Education Training centres at Medical Council of India, New Delhi office. The Chairman also desired to involve Medical Education Training Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi in National Workshop for implementation of new Competency based Curriculum.

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

