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Dear Sir,

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As you are aware, the Central Government has initiated a number of measures to improve the health care delivery system in the country. However, shortage of allopathic doctors for attachment at PHCs and sub-centres has been a hurdle in making the health care mechanism more effective. One of the option that has been under the consideration of the Government to mitigate such shortage is the integration of ISM (Indian System of Medicine) qualified doctors in the mainstream and pool in 7 lakh such doctors available in the country with allopathic doctors to enhance the availability of doctors and outreach of health care services. In fact many PHCs in remote areas are being already run by AYUSH doctors and the states have expressed their satisfaction about the services being provided by such doctors at PHCs and under various other National Health Programmes.

Department of AYUSH has taken an in principle approval from the Hon'ble HFPM to empower ISM qualified doctors to practice modern system of medicine in a limited way and constituted a Committee to examine the issue. The Committee further appointed a sub-committee to define the scope of the practice of modern medicine to be permitted to ISM practitioners. The sub-committee has furnished its report outlining a road map for empowering ISM doctors to practice modern medicine. However before implementing the recommendations made in the report the Committee has desired that the same be examined by Department of Health & Family Welfare.

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The issue has been examined by us in the light of the judgment given on 8/10/1998 by the Hon'ble Supreme Court (Bench- Justice K.T.Thomas and Justice Syed Shah Mohammed Quadri) in the case of Dr. Mukhtiyar Chand vs State of Punjab. In the said case the Apex court has held that practice of modern system of medicine by ISM qualified professionals is possible provided such professionals are enrolled in the State Medical Register for practitioners of modern medicine maintained by the State Medical Council. The respective State Government can notify and give recognition to qualifications eligible for registration in the State Medical Register.

Priorities

Kindly see and provide your inputs/comments.

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In view of the above it is requested that the law prevailing in your State relating to registration of practioners of modern scientific medicine may be amended to provide an enabling provision to allow the enrolment of a ISM professionals in the State Medical Register for registration of the practioners of modern medicine, as maintained by the respective State Medical Councils. Simultaneously we are also requesting Department of AYUSH to get a draft curriculum prepared which would provide competency to a ISM professionals to practice preventive, promotive curative and rehabilitative allopathic medicine in respect to the commonly encountered health and get it vetted by MCI.

*with regards,*

Yours sincerely,



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