

Medical Council of India New Delhi

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors dated 7.5.2013

The meeting of the Board of Governors was held on 7.5.2013 at 10.00 a.m. in the Council office at Sector-8, Pocket-14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077 under the Chairmanship of Dr.(Prof.) K.K. Talwar, Chairperson, Board of Governors. The following members of the Board of Governors attended the meeting:-

- 1) Dr. (Prof.) K.S. Sharma, Member, Board of Governors;
- 2) Dr. (Prof.) H.S. Rissam, Member, Board of Governors;
- 3) Dr. Rajiv Chintaman Yeravdekar, Member, Board of Governors;
- 4) Dr. Purshotam Lal, Member, Board of Governors;
- 5) Dr. Ashok Kumar Gupta Member, Board of Governors;
- 6) Dr. (Prof.) Mohandas, Member, Board of Governors; and
- 7) Dr. R.P. Meena, Member-Secretary

2. The following items, as per Agenda circulated, were considered by the Board of Governors and decision taken thereon as under :

2.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors held on 3.5.2013 under the chairmanship of Dr.(Prof.) K.K. Talwar, Chairperson, BOGs, were considered and confirmed.

2.2 Consideration of recognition of Postgraduate courses in respect of various medical colleges :

The cases which were discussed and decisions taken under this heading were as under :

2.2(1) Recognition of MD (General Medicine) qualification in respect of students being trained at Prathima Institute of Medical Sciences, Karim Nagar :

The Board of Governors considered the observations of the Assessors and Postgraduate Committee and after some discussion, decided to recommend the recognition of 6 seats.

2.2(2) Renewal of recognition of MS(ENT) & DLO qualifications in respect of students being trained at Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Porur, Chennai :

The Board of Governors considered the observations of the Assessors and Postgraduate Committee and after some discussion, decided not to approve the item, in view of the observations made by the Postgraduate Committee. It was also decided that the College should be intimated of the deficiencies pointed out by the Postgraduate Committee.

2.2(3) Recognition of MS(ENT) in respect of increased intake from 1 to 2 seat in respect of students being trained at Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College & Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune :

The Board of Governors considered the observations of the Assessors and Postgraduate Committee and after some discussion, decided not to recognize the intake of 2 seats, in view of the observations made by the Postgraduate Committee. It was also decided that the College should be intimated of the deficiencies pointed out by the Postgraduate Committee.

2.2(4) Recognition of MD(Pathology) qualification in respect of increase intake from 02 to 04 seats in respect of students being trained at Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur :

After some discussion, the Board of Governors decided to approve the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee for recognition of MD(Pathology) for annual intake of 02 seats..

2.2(5) Recognition of MD(Pharmacology) qualification in respect of students being trained at Meenakshi Medical College and Research Institute, Enathur :

The Board of Governors considered the item and it was noted that there are complaints from the students which were received through the Ministry of Health & FW. The College has also not furnished any clarification on these complaints. Also there was no

non-availability of the HPLC training. As such, the proposal was not approved. The PG Section was asked to send reminder for seeking clarification from the College.

2.2(6) Restoration of seats & recognition of MS (Ophthalmology) qualification in respect of students being trained at BRD Medical College, Gorakhpur under Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University/Gorakhpur :

After considering the observations of the Postgraduate Committee in detail and also keeping in view of the fact that College has been in existence for a long time now, it was decided to approve the proposal.

Regarding the issue of further restoration of seats, it was noted that the Council had approved only one seat for 2009-10 but the Institute had continued to make 3 admissions in the Course. The Council had also conveyed this position to the MoH&FW in the past. Therefore, the Council should now get it checked from MoH&FW whether they have followed up the matter by asking for clarification from the College on this aspect.

2.2(7) Renewal of recognition of MS(Orthopedics) & D. Ortho qualification in respect of students being trained at Postgraduate Institute of Swasthiyog Pratisthan, Miraj :

The Board of Governors considered the observations of the Assessors and Postgraduate Committee and after some discussion, it was decided not to approve the case. The Board of Governors also noted that the Institute has outsourced their Blood bank and Radiological facilities. This needs clarification by the College as outsourcing is not permitted as per the MCI Regulations.

2.3 Consideration of cases of renewal of permission/increase in capacity in MBBS course/establishment of new medical colleges wherein assessment has been done, observations of the Under graduate Assessment Screening Committee and recommendation of the Sub-Committee of Board of Governors are available – for decision by the Board of Governors :

The cases were considered by the Members of Board of Governors and indicated their decisions in the respective individual files.

2.4 Preparation of alternatives to replace animal experimentation in Physiology and Pharmacology UG Curricula :

The matter was discussed at great length. It was noted that as per Chairman of Animal Alternate Committee for UG curriculum, in future, animal experiments would be replaced with computer assisted learning exercises and as and where possible clinically relevant modules. Therefore, the Colleges should be asked to use these alternatives.

2.5 Annual Maintenance Contract – Renewal issues pertaining thereto :

15 (Fifteen) existing AMC/and other Contracts in connection with various house keeping facilities, mentioned in the Note submitted by the Secretary, were considered by the Board of Governors and the extension of their period up to 30.6.2013 (first quarter) were approved, till the fresh tenders being floated are finalized. The Board of Governors also directed that suitable punitive action should be taken against those employees who have deliberately delayed the matter and then putting it up at the last minute. A Tender Committee of Shri Ashok Kumar Harit, DS(Adm); Dr. Davinder Kumar, Joint Secretary; and Dr. P. Prasannaraj, Addl. Secretary to be constituted for retendering these Contracts and to ensure that the new contracts are in place well before the expiry of this extended time period, i.e., 30.6.2013.

2.6 Consideration of Minutes of Ethics Committee held on 23.3.2013 :

The Minutes of Ethics Committee meeting held on 23.3.2013 were taken up for consideration. After some discussion, the Board of Governors approved the Minutes except Item No.10, on which they desired to ascertain from the Ethics Committee whether or not they have elicited specific opinion of the Expert on the subject matter.

2.7 To initiate action for withdrawal of the LOP/LOI granted to DD Medical College & Hospital, Chennai :

The details of the case were discussed. The various irregularities deliberately committed by the DD Medical College & Hospital, Chennai, repeatedly, were also highlighted. After some discussion, the Board of Governors considered the points raised in the Show Cause Notice and the points contained in the reply of the College and it was noted that there was no substance in the explanation given by the College. After discussing the matter in greater details, the Board of Governors unanimously decided to recommend to the Central Government for immediate withdrawal of the LOP granted to the College. The Secretary was asked to see that the proper procedure is followed in regard to implementation of this decision.

2.8 Matter relating to Rama Medical College & Hospital and Research Centre, Hapur :

The matter was discussed in detail by the Board of Governors. In view of the deficiencies observed in the Assessment Report, it was unanimously decided not to grant renewal permission for 3rd batch of 150 MBBS students for the academic year 2013-14. It was also decided to issue Show Cause Notice to the College.

2.9 Review of status of proposal of One-year Rural service as Medical Officers as a prerequisite to Post Graduate Admission :

Chairperson, BOG drew attention of the Members of Board of Governors to the background of the proposal on the subject matter which was sent by the former Secretary to the MoH&FW on 2.4.2013. He also mentioned that subsequently the Secretary, MoH&FW as well as the Health Minister himself happened to discuss the matter with him in the recent past when they both had appreciated the Plan as outlined in the above proposal. The main thrust of the proposal is that before PG, all the MBBS Graduates in the country have to undergo a mandatory rural posting for one year. If anybody serves under rural posting for more period, it will be given more preference for admission into PG Courses, as per the Regulations. After discussing the matter at length, the Board of Governors approved the proposal, in principle. It was also decided that a draft Regulation in this regard should be sent to the Ministry. Further it would be advised to the Ministry to have the following :

- (i) Creating the designated "Cell" in the Ministry for the deployment of the doctors; and
- (ii) Planning for the timely and equitable deployment of approximately 40000 Graduates (the number is set to increase annually) every year all over the country. It is important to ensure that they join immediately after internship and finish one year, before the next batch is eligible.
- (iii) While issuing Notification in this regard, the Ministry may also consider the point regarding the batch from which on wards the above scheme should be implemented.

3. Besides, the following items were also taken up for consideration with the permission of the Chairperson :

3.1 The course of action to be taken on the Show Cause Notices dated 12.10.2011 issued to the following six Medical Colleges in connection with article appeared in "Tehelka" weekly magazine (6th July, 2011 issue) titled "Medical Council of India : Where Munna Gets His MBBS" was taken up for consideration :

- 1) Santosh Medical College, Ghaziabad;
- 2) School of Medical Sciences & Research, Greater Noida;
- 3) Saraswathi Institute of Medical Sciences, Hapur;
- 4) SGT Medical College, Gurgaon;
- 5) Rama Medical College, Hapur; and
- 6) Subharati Medical College, Meerut.

It was noted that the above Colleges submitted their replies to the Show Cause Notice. These were considered by the Board of Governors at its meeting held on 28.11.2011. As per decision of the Board of Governors, these replies were analyzed by a Sub-Committee headed by Dr. P.Prasannaraj, Additional Secretary. The Sub-Committee submitted its Report on 20.3.2012. These were considered, again, by the Board of Governors at its meeting on 16-17th April, 2012 and directed the Vigilance Division to obtain the salary statements signed by the bank authorities, etc., in order to ascertain the factual position with regard to the faculty strength and infrastructural facilities available in these Medical Colleges. As a sequel to this, the Council observed serious irregularities being committed by the above six Medical Colleges in a routine manner - and thus in a way substantiating the allegations contained in the Tehelka" weekly magazine that these

Colleges are not actually having adequate faculty and infrastructural facilities as per requirement laid down by the MCI.

3.1(2) In the background of above factors and after deliberating the matter at length, the Board of Governors, unanimously decided to recommend to the Central Government for initiating the action for withdrawal of LOP/recognition granted to the above College.

3.2 Proposal of the MoH&FW for increasing of seats from 50 – 100 and 100 - 150 in all the Medical Colleges :

The Chairperson explained about the background of the proposal. The justification for is that the MSR for recognition of 50/100 seats are higher in terms of Faculty, Infrastructure & Clinical material etc. as compared to LOP requirements for 100/150 seats, respectively, and therefore, one time permission, i.e., for the academic year 2013-14 is proposed to be provided to medical colleges to overcome the acute shortage of doctors in the country and some special interventions might be required, to produce adequate and effective Human Resources for Health providing care at primary, secondary and tertiary levels in both the public and private sectors. After some discussion, the draft Notification proposed to be issued in this regard was also read out for the information of Members of the Board of Governors and certain corrections suggested by them were carried out. The BOG has, in principle, approved the proposal.

3.3 Family Medicine :

The Board of Governors approved the MD curriculum in Family Medicine and also approved the recommendation of Academic Council on TEQ and MSR in Family Medicine. MoH&FW should be informed of this decision. Further, it was decided to encourage such courses in the medical colleges as currently only one medical college, viz., CMC, Vellore, runs this course.

Dr. Purshotamn Lal, Member, BOG, suggested that since there are no takers for MD in Family Medicine, the Curriculum should have 2 years in Medicine out of 3 years of total Course and should be allowed to do DM by spending one year extra. Change of nomenclature from MD in Family Medicine to MD in General Medicine & exiting MD in Medicine to MD in Internal Medicine will also help making the two Specialists at par.

3.4 Migration Issues :

Requests of three MBBS students, viz., Ms. Neelima Soni, Ms. Sumaiya Fayyaz Khotal and Ms. Muppana Sita Vidhatri were discussed at greater length. After considering the matter in totality, the Board of Governors indicated their decision in the respective files.

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

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