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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Clarification on Fee Chargeable for MBBS Course Duration.

It has been brought to the notice of the National Medical Commission (NMC) that certain Medical Colleges / Institutions / Universities, under the purview of NMC, are charging fees for the entire duration of five (5) years or five and a half (5½) years from the MBBS students. Such practices are not consistent with the prescribed academic structure of the MBBS programme and result in charging fees for periods which do not constitute academic teaching.

2. In this regard, attention of Medical Colleges / Institutions / Universities is invited to Section 10 and Section 24 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, *read with* the Competency Based Medical Education (CBME) Guidelines, 2024 framed under the Graduate Medical Education Regulations (GMER), which prescribe that the duration of the MBBS course comprises 4½ years (54 months) of academic study, followed by one (01) year of compulsory rotating internship (CRMI).

3. Attention is further invited to the interim directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in *Abhishek Yadav v. Union of India (WP No. 730 of 2022)*, wherein the grievances considered in the said proceedings included issues relating to non-payment of stipend and **imposition of internship-related charges/ internship fee**, which were taken serious note of.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in *T.M.A. Pai Foundation v. State of Karnataka*, *Islamic Academy of Education v. State of Karnataka*, and *P. A. Inamdar v. State of Maharashtra* has held that fee structures must be reasonable, transparent, non-exploitative, and commensurate with the

academic facilities and services actually rendered. Accordingly, levy of fees for periods beyond the prescribed academic study duration, where no corresponding academic instruction is imparted, would be inconsistent with the aforesaid principles.

5. In view of the above, all Medical Colleges / Institutions / Universities are hereby directed that the fee for the MBBS course shall be charged only for prescribed academic duration of 4½ years (four and a half years).

6. All Medical Colleges / Institutions / Universities are hereby directed to strictly comply with the statutory provisions contained in National Medical Commission Act 2019, applicable Regulations and Judgements passed by the Hon'ble Courts. Any instance of non-compliance shall be viewed seriously and appropriate action initiated by the Commission, as per the extant statutory & regulatory provisions.

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