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**Subject: National Medical Commission Issues Directive on Post-graduate Medical Student Housing**

In a recent public notice dated 8th February 2024, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has addressed concerns regarding hostel accommodation for post-graduate medical students. The notice highlights Regulation 5.6 of the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulation (PGMER), 2023, which mandates colleges to provide suitable residential accommodation to post-graduate students. However, it emphasizes that it is not obligatory for the students to reside in these hostels.

The notice underscores that previous regulations, such as the PGMER, 2000, did not mandate the compulsory stay of post-graduate medical students in college-provided hostels.

Despite the clear directive, the NMC has received numerous complaints from post-graduate students alleging coercion by medical colleges/institutions to stay in designated hostels, accompanied by hefty charges. Such actions are deemed violations of Regulation 5.6 of the PGMER, 2023.

In response to these grievances, the NMC directs all medical colleges and institutes to adhere strictly to the stipulations outlined in the aforementioned Regulation. Failure to comply may result in punitive actions, including monetary penalties, reduction of seats, or suspension of admissions, as outlined in Regulations 9.1 and 9.2 of the PGMER, 2023.

### **About the National Medical Commission (NMC):**

The National Medical Commission is the apex regulatory body for medical education and practices in India. Committed to maintaining high standards in medical education and ensuring the provision of quality healthcare services, the NMC oversees the assessment, accreditation, and regulation of medical colleges and professionals across the country.

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