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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Indian Medical Services: Professional IMA Demand** 

The Parliamentary Standing Committee has finally pushed ahead the long-standing demand by Indian Medical Association to formulate a separate cadre of Indian Medical Services. IMA welcomes this important parliamentary committee decision as a professional one which will have its lasting positive effects on development & progress of country's healthcare. IMS can well be defined as positive yield of the dreaded pandemic in real sense. Earliest due acceptance by the government & the right propagation ahead in execution phase of the decision shall be awaited by us.

It is a matter of pride for Indian Medical Association that in terms of the initiative taken by IMA, a Study Group was constituted by the then President Medical Council of India under the Chairmanship of Dr. Vedprakash Mishra the then Chairman of the Academic Council of the Medical Council of India in regard to making analytical recommendations with respect to rejuvenation of 'Indian Medical Services', and the detailed report of the Study Group thereto was forwarded to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.

Indian Medical Association in its report had brought out analytically the historical aspect of the Indian Medical Services in all its relevant details as well as had narrated the foundation details of the services. While the healthcare system has been going through tragic mode as far as supportive progress is concerned, this long standing tragic anomaly with the latest dreaded pandemic on its own turns out to be a huge and sufficient indicator and also an eye opener for all the powers that be to realize that a separate administrative cadre is the core must for administering and managing the healthcare services including the public health in the country so as to meaningfully invoke a purposive, balanced, updated and a optimally functioning healthcare delivery system capable of delivering the targeted services enriched by quality conforming to the trinity of the core principles of "Accessibility, Availability and Affordability" in unison.

The Study Group constituted by the then President of Medical Council of India (MCI) in the year 2017 amongst other things in their detailed report had also brought out in chronology the course and nature of events that are a matter of record in the annals of the Government of India in regard to creation of 'Indian Medical Service' for the purposes of conforming to the desired need of urgent galvanization of healthcare system in the country.

Indian Medical Association again puts it on record that the IMS will provide the healthcare of our country with due attention & much awaited deserving space on national diaspora with much needed professionalism in the healthcare policymaking & implementation of programs. It would serve as a strong catalytic agent for realization of core guarantee of Right to Health to all the citizens guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India and also the universal goal health equitably and affordably.

IMA demand the health ministry to take necessary steps to formulate the plan of action with time frame and get it approved by different states and bring out an ordinance or law at once to bring this in to force in this pandemic itself.

IMA the largest professional body of modern medical profession will proactively stand with the Government and altruistically render all its hands for early implementation of Indian Medical service cadre.

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