The Dean/Principal,
School of Tropical Medicine,
Kolkata

Subject: West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata - Recognition of MD(Tropical Medicine) qualification against increased intake from 5 to 7 seats in respect of students being trained at School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the Postgraduate Medical Education Committee of this Council at its meeting held on 09/02/2016 considered the Council Assessor’s Report (September, 2015) on the standard of examination and other teaching facilities for Recognition of MD(Tropical Medicine) qualification against increased intake from 5 to 7 seats at School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata granted by West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata and decided as under:

“The Postgraduate Medical Education Committee considered the Council Assessor’s Report (September, 2015) and decided to recommend not to recognize MD(Tropical Medicine) qualification against increased intake from 5 to 7 seats granted by West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Kolkata in respect of students being trained at School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata because of the following facts:

1. Equipment like Holter, TMT, Bronchoscope, Echo Doppler, Dialysis machine are not available.
2. Units I & II do not have Senior Residents. Incumbents are designated as RMO cum Clinical Tutor which is a paid post.
3. There are 120 beds in 4 Units; these beds are distributed in different wards on different floors along with patients of different specialities without any clear cut demarcation.
4. Bed occupancy is 70.8% on day of assessment.
5. Total number of admitted patients has decreased from 2,053 in 2012 to 1,958 in 2014.
6. Maximum permissible seats as per available faculty is 9. Institution already admitting 19 students (Degree 7 and Diploma 12).
7. OPD on the day of Assessment 86.
8. There is no Blood Bank.
9. Other deficiencies as pointed out in the Assessment Report.

Admissions done (if any) against these seats i.e. increased intake from 5 to 7 seats after the first batch appeared in Examination till their recognition will be irregular and not in accordance with MCI regulations (notified with prior permission of Central Government vide notification dated 21/07/2009) and will not be recognized. As per provisions of the Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations, 2000, failure to seek timely recognition as required shall invariably result in stoppage of admission to the concerned Post Graduate Course. This is also clarified in the letter of permission granted w/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956 issued for these seats, which reads as under:

“This permission for starting/ increase of seats in the above course and admission of students will be till such time the first batch of students admitted against the above course appears for the first final examination in the subject.”

In case, the college authorities desire to submit compliance, same should be received in this office preferably within six weeks of issue of this letter but definitely, prior to next admission so that the matter of recognition can be finally decided. If no compliance is received within this period or compliance/ compliance verification is found unsatisfactory, it will result in stoppage of admission to the postgraduate course against the above mentioned seats.

In view of above, you are requested to rectify the above deficiencies within 6 weeks from the date of dispatch of this letter and submit the compliance in hard copy as well as soft copy (in editable format preferably in MS Word) along with demand draft of Rs. 1.00 Lakh in favor of Secretary, Medical Council of India, payable at New Delhi within stipulated time for further consideration in the matter. In case, no compliance is received within this period or compliance is found unsatisfactory, it will result in stoppage of admission.

Please also note that Compliance/ Compliance Verification report should be submitted only in the SAF prescribed for this purpose (available on MCI website i.e. www.mcindia.org), which should include the faculty table (entire faculty including those who have been already verified). Information in any other format will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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