

To  
The Honourable Health Minister  
Union Govt  
New Delhi

Re; Apprehensions among doctors regarding NCHRH, Clinical Establishment Act

Sir,

Medical community has been keenly observing with apprehension the recent developments in field of medical education and related to medical practice. We had earlier also given representations via mail but unfortunately Clinical Establishment Bill has become a reality. We wish to draw your attention to the following issues as regards the NCHRH Bill.

- 1) Nowhere in the world are medical professionals governed by an all empowered body comprising of non medical people predominantly.
- 2) In a Democracy we have abolished an autonomous body of 136 members (Medical Council of India) which included elected and nominated representatives from all states and replaced it with 6 nominated Board of Governors which is expected to act as a rubber stamp. Even these BOG have been changed arbitrarily. This act in itself smacks of dictatorship and is not in sync with the democratic ethos.
- 3) If Head of MCI is allegedly corrupt why the pressing need to abolish the elected, autonomous body.
- 4) We have umpteen examples of Ministers and Members of Parliament who have been jailed for corruption charges, but neither their ministries nor the Parliament needs to be dissolved , why then the discrimination against Medical Council of India.
- 5) Certain other clauses of this Bill will usurp the State Councils and force all doctors to register only with National Council.
- 6) Most objectionable is the clause that a doctor cannot indulge in any other business or profession. We have brought the medical profession to its knees with the CPA in which a patient can sue a doctor for hundered crores without having made a single rupee as payment for treatment during which negligence is alleged. We have ensured that he gives up his self employed status and joins Corporate hospital by bringing in CEA, and in c ase he wishes to leave his profession you will bar him from joining some other profession or start some other business under NCHRH.
- 7) That individual doctors or couples who run small establishments will not be able to fulfill all conditions to be imposed under CEA is a forgone conclusion. Either they will have to bribe officials and continue to run their setups or they will have to close down. These set ups which are the backbone of healthcare in India are all set to face wipeout in the next few years.

- 8) Rates charged by medical practitioners for various procedures are to be notified under CEA rules. An example of Govt deciding rates for various procedures is given in CGHS RATES MAY 2011 Nabhi's Compendium of orders Pg 504

**UGIE plus Lower GI Endoscopy**

Rate for NABH Hosp; Rs 1380

Rate for Non NABH Hospital Rs 1200

Rate for Superspeciality Hospital Rs 23200