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"THE ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL'S CENTRAL COUNCIL BILL - 2015"

Suggestions & Comments furnished through feedback on dirahs-mohfw@gov.in

The vital issue "Formation of Council for Medical Laboratory Technologists of India" alongwith others came into existence by introduction of Central Council Bill No. 96/2007 in Parliament and finally with the recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare the bill (Council Draft Format 2007) Allied Health Professionals Central Council Act-2007 was just on the verge of concurrence. But unfortunately, it could not be implemented and instead of that Govt. proposed NCHRH Draft Bill-2009 (Bill No. LIX-2011) which was total injustice to the cadre of Medical Lab. Technologists of India and others.

Now, we are happy that again the long awaited council Bill "The Allied and Healthcare Professional's Council Bill 2015" has come up and valuable comments and suggestions have been invited and likely to be placed in Parliament for its enactment without any further loss of time.

Hence some of the important comments and suggestions are placed before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare and Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India for kind consideration and implementation.

- 1. Silent feature of the present Bill indicate that individual committee for each category of professional will be constituted. In this regard it is emphasized that there should be a separate Council for Medical Laboratory Technologists of India. After The Nursing & Doctor's community. Medical Lab. Technologists are in very large number (millions) at national level.
- 2. There should be a single Medical Lab. Technologists Council for all Diploma (DMLT), undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and Doctorate degree holder like that of Doctors and Nurses.
- Council must be headed by the professional itself of the same faculty as per M.C.I. and Nursing Council of India. As the Jurisdiction of the Council will be at all India level comprising of all states and Union Territories of the country, the dignitaries for the Council must be elected only from the national level association and democratic pattern must be followed while constituting our Council and the same may also be followed for State Council.
- 4. As the council is for the Lab. Professionals of entire India, only a national/state level professional association (like All India Medical Lab. Technologists Association) must be taken in to confidence while framing clauses/laws/bylaws to protect the varies interests of the profession.
- 5. All pre-qualified in service/in practice and retired Lab. Technologists must be treated illegible to get registration in the council and the post-qualified individuals must be considered only with required qualification as per the council's norms. This was accepted and adopted earlier when M.C.I. was constituted. All L.M.P./D.M.P.s were duly registered.
- **6.** "Right to practise the profession"

To practice a profession is a fundamental right to every professional. It must be protected by this newly constituting council in case of Medical Lab. Technologists also.

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In present technologically accredited era, most of the Pathological Investigation/Analysis is performed on most sophisticated Computerized Analyzers.

In all most all Patho-Diagnostic Centers (Govt./ Corporate Sector) this computer generated data in derived by a well trained Lab. Technologist of the organization and forward to the Clinician.

Clinician is the authority (not the Pathologist, who are less than 1% of the national requirement & gathered mostly in urban area of the India) who finalize the diagnosis considering various important factors such as - Clinical Complaints, Radiological Reports, ECG/Trade Meal finding & Scanning etc.

Thus in the process of Medical Lab. Technologist is the most important link, who is considered authentic to generate the reports & sign independently, by the Health Authority of State / Central/Corporate field, & to deliver the reports to the concern Physician directly. Then the same is to be accepted statutorily to practice the profession out of organization.

Due provision must be made to legalize the Lab. Practice done by Technologist's, introducing protecting laws & by laws, by the incoming Council of Med. Lab. Technologists of India.

- 7. It is also suggested and emphasized that the Rajya Sabha, Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare 31st Report on Para Medical and Physiotherapy Central Council Bill 2007 presented to the Rajya Sabha on 21st October, 2008 may please be considered and taken into account while finalizing the Council matter. Most important Para-Medic replaced by "Allied Health Professional and Paramedical be replaced by Allied Health Profession and the word Technician be replaced by Technologists. Hence Nomenclature "Technologists" may be used in place of technician.
- 8. All India Medical Lab. Technologists Association (AIMLTA) Reg. No. S/12081 is the only Apex Body of Medical Lab. Technologists of India having its branches in all most all States and Union Territories of the country and large no. of skilled Medical Lab. Technologists working in Govt., Semi-Govt. and Private Sectors have been registered working for development in the Patho-diagnostic technology. A REGISTER is well maintained and Govt. should considered it valid for registration in the proposed Council. At the same time AIMLTA is also dedicated and committed for the development of the MLT Training Programme upto Diploma Level in the country through its Academic Board, producing fully skilled professional in the field of Medical Lab. Technology to cope the growing demand of trained MLT in the fast growing health care system and National Health Programme in the country which require systematic approval from Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India to run the Academic Board, AIMLTA for success of DMLT Training Programme.

With this submission, AIMLTA (Reg. No. S/12081) wish to be called by the Authority (P.A.C.) or Advisory Committee or any competent authority for discussion and appraisal in the larger interest of our fraternity. AIMLTA is anxiously waiting for a call by appointment. Kindly allot time and date and inform our AIMLTA Head Office at Patna on e-mail: info@aimlta.org and Mob. No.: 09431020683.

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