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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
HEALTH SECRETARIAT

Puducherry dated: 14.05.2018

To

1. The Chairman,
Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences,
Ganapathichettikulam, Puducherry.
2. The Chairman,
Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College &
Hospital, Madagadipet, Puducherry.
3. The Chairman,
Sri Venkateshwaraa Medical College
Hospital & Research Centre, Ariyur,
Puducherry.

Sir,

Sub: Health Secretariat – Minutes of the open house grievance meeting held on 11.05.2018 –Communicated for strict compliance - Regarding.

Minutes of the open house grievance meeting held on 11.05.2018 in the chamber of Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) to discuss various issues relating to admission of students to Post Graduate courses for the academic year 2018-19 is enclosed for strict compliance.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully


(M.V. HIRAN)
SUPERINTENDENT (HEALTH)

Copy to:

1. The Director (Health)
- 2, The Co-ordinator (Admission), CENTAC.
3. Dr. N. Nilamani, Incharge Help Desk, PIMS, Puducherry
4. Dr. P. Kumaravel, Incharge Help Desk, Sri Venkateshwaraa Medical College, Puducherry
5. Dr. K. Santhimathi, Incharge Help Desk, Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College & Hospital, Puducherry.

Minutes of the open house grievance meeting held on 11.05.2018 at 4.30 pm in chamber of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) to discuss various issues relating to admission of students to Post Graduate courses for the academic year 2018-19.

PRESENT:

1. Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health),
2. Co-ordinator (Admission) CENTAC,
3. Deputy Secretary to Government (Health),
4. Director (Health Services)
5. Dr. N. Nilamani, Incharge Help Desk, PIMS, Puducherry
6. Dr. P. Kumaravel, Incharge Help Desk, Sri Venkateshwara Medical College, Puducherry
7. Dr. K. Santhimathi, Incharge Help Desk, Sri ManakulaVinayagar Medical College & Hospital, Puducherry.

Representatives from the following Private Self financing Medical Colleges

8. Director, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Puducherry.
9. General Manager, Sri Venkateshwaraa Medical College, Hospital & Research Centre,
10. The Dean, Sri ManakulaVinayagar Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry.
11. Two Representative of Parent Teacher Association

The Secretary to Govt. (Health) welcomed all those present and informed that various complaints have been received from the students to the effect that the Institutions are charging/demanding excess fee ranging between Rs. 5 lakh to 9 lakh as Hostel fees/and other fees. The Secretary has further stated that, though the Institutions were directed vide Show-cause notice dated 09.05.2018 and 10.05.2018 that they should not collect excess fees other than the fees notified by the Government of Puducherry vide G.O. Ms. No. 8 dated 22.03.2018 to avoid any penal action against the Institute, complaints are still being received from the students regarding demanding excess fees.

2. Twenty five numbers of Post Graduate students who were allotted seats by CENTAC in the above three Colleges and who have given complaints regarding excess fees were also called for to express their grievance in person in the meeting.

The main complaints by the students are as follows:

- a) Demanding of excess fee under other heads.
- b) Charging/demanding excess fee ranging between Rs. 5 lakh to 9 lakh as Hostel fees.
- c) Execution of bond (value for 90 lakhs) for working for five years under the management.

3. After hearing the grievances of the students, Secretary (Health) firmly directed all the Self financing Medical Colleges to duly comply with the directions of the Government of Puducherry communicated in G.O. Ms. No. 8 dated 22.03.2018 by collecting only the notified fees from the students to avoid any penal action against the Institute. The Secretary further directed that joining of hostel / Hostel fees should not be made compulsory and it should be made optional to the students. *The Secretary also warned that any demand for bond / undertaking which is not prescribed by the Medical Council of India / Ministry of Health / Government of Puducherry will be per-se illegal and it would tantamount to intimidatory tactics with a view to discourage / deter the joining of students duly sponsored by CENTAC and such action by the medical colleges would invite both penal and other legal and administrative actions.*

4. The Secretary further instructed all the Medical Colleges to admit the students duly sponsored by the CENTAC and who have deposited the notified fees in the CENTAC account without subjecting the students to any harassment / intimidation. No other fee (other than the fee permitted to be collected by the Government of Puducherry in its G.O. Ms. No. 8 dated 22.03.2018) shall be demanded / collected from the provisionally admitted students. The Secretary also directed the Colleges to furnish the list of candidates admitted by the Colleges with a certificate to the effect that all the candidates sponsored by CENTAC after the second round of counseling has been duly admitted by the Colleges. It was also made clear that only on furnishing of this letter, mop-up counseling will be held.

5. The Secretary (Health) directed the Private self-financing Medical Colleges shall have to set-up Admission Desks in the CENTAC office premises, so as to enable the selected candidates to get on the spot and hassle free admission. The Colleges were directed to make available sufficient application forms and make other arrangements for collection of certificates on the spot from the selected candidates. The colleges were further informed that only on the furnishing of a letter confirming the admission of candidates selected in mop-up counseling, the 1:10 list will be generated.

6. The Secretary (Health) appreciated the medical colleges for having attended the meeting and again strictly insisted the Medical Colleges to duly comply with the direction of the Government of Puducherry communicated in the G.O. Ms. No. 8, dated 22.03.2018 and desist from imposing conditions not prescribed by MCI / Ministry of Health / Govt of Puducherry with a view to discourage / intimidate the students sponsored by CENTAC from joining the courses of their choice, in the interest of the student community of Puducherry, failing which action would follow.
