To,
Dr. Harsh Vardhan
Hon’ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011

Dear Sir,

With concern and passion, I am writing this communication to you to record that in the reply made by your goodself in your capacity as the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare in the Government of India, to the debate on National Medical Commission Bill, 2019 on 1st August, 2019, there were several assurances made therein on matters of concern included in the said Bill.

In regard to the Exit Examination, you clarified that it will be a Common Final MBBS Examination conducted for all the students in all the Medical Colleges in the country including Institutions of importance like AIIMS to be conducted by a designated authority, which will have a structured examination including both the components of theory and clinical in the manner as is done in tests conducted like USMLE.

On the strength of this final year MBBS examination i.e. NEXT, will it be open for the examining University to confer the MBBS degree in the teeth of provisions included in the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 read with Indian Medical Degrees Act, 2016, which are in vogue?

In regard to Community Health Providers as envisaged under Section 32 of the Bill you assured that the ambit of it and the operational modalities will be worked out by the National Medical Commission with diligent consultation with all the stakeholders.

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In regard to the question of regulation of Fee in private Medical Colleges and Deemed Universities, as contemplated under section 10(1)(i) of the Bill, you assured that framing of guidelines by the Commission would mean regulation of the fee in 50% of the seats in private Medical Colleges and Deemed Universities.

For the remaining 50% of the seats in the said Institutions, Medical Education being a ‘concurrent subject’, the State Government would dispense with the needful and National Medical Commission with Deemed Universities.

Further you assured that capping of the regulatory tuition fee by the Commission would be made under Rules to be notified by the Government of India.

In regard to the termination of the permanent employees of the Medical Council of India upon the repeal of the IMC Act, 1956, you assured that they would be adequately compensated and with due and diligent compassion and consultation with the concerned employees a modality to protect their interests will be worked out.

My concern is to evoke from your goodself that the said assurances as made on the floor of the Rajya Sabha will be effected in what period of time and the mode and manner operational in character may kindly be made known to the undersigned and to the all concerned in larger public interest.

Hence this communication.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. Santanu Sen)