

**INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
BRANCH
STATE**

To,

Hon. Member of Parliament

Sub: Mixopathy and Integration of Medical Education – Indian Healthcare catastrophe

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association HQs!

Indian Medical association is the largest, representative professional association of modern medical doctors in our country and we represent one among the 1800 branches of IMA in our Motherland.

IMA whole heartedly places our respects and greetings as legislature for your wisdom and role during the pandemic and the scores of modern medical personals who toiled day and night and saved thousands of lives from the death clutches of corona and in the bargain 740 of our colleagues lost their precious life.

Not only in the diagnosis and therapeutic care, Indian medical association proactively came forward in support of your timely decision to roll out Vaccines and our leaders were the one who took vaccines first in many parts of our country.

In the parliamentary wisdom two system of medicine Modern medicine and Indian medicine were formulated by the respective acts in 1956 and 1970 and domains of services were earmarked.

Indian Medical association proudly acknowledge, appreciate and welcome rich traditional treasures of Indian medicine like AYURVEDA and wish and much more dedicated research, focused uncovering the innate treasures of this system and make it a more people friendly and replicable evidenced based science.

We are supporting the Ayurveda postgraduates doing surgeries based on Ayurveda principles, anesthesia and post-operative care principles after meticulous training. Surgeons must know when not to operate than when to operate and it need dedicated training for years and proctorship.

We bring to your kind notice the Central council of Indian Medicine have brought out an order as an amendments to the Indian medicine acts 2006 regulations and by which notified the Master of surgery degree will be given in two years to the undergraduates of Ayurveda and only 39 procedures will be taught to them from the modern medical surgical bandwidth . We wish to retreat that on one hand modern medicine MBBS undergraduate has to study all surgical procedures and three years to get master's degree while Ayurveda graduates without basic surgical training in

under graduation and with learning 39 procedures and in two years get the same MS degree. This will jeopardize the common man to choose their doctor with the MS degree to operate upon him.

Anesthesia a separate discipline needed for doing surgery and surgeon cannot give anesthesia in modern medicine. Among these 39 procedures mentioned for MS General surgery in Ayurveda, surgeon is trained to give anesthesia also.

In modern surgical means when a child is brought under with swallowing of a coin, the surgeon will remove it with endoscope without surgery but in the CCIM regulations it is mentioned to do opening the stomach and remove the same.

Surgery is the faculty of invasive healthcare based on precision, accuracy and correct operative skills. The entire accuracy is an outcome of extensive medical education and surgical experience. The expertise and skills of surgeons are unique and unmatched. People performing surgery without any adequate and ethical qualifications will be dangerous for patients in the country. Lack of clinical, anatomical knowledge, expertise with precise experience will create unqualified and unsafe cadre of surgeons in the country.

Indian Medical association also recommend pluralistic medical care needed for human beings for different kinds of diseases, but when the different systems of medicine are provided by a same doctor without adequate training and knowledge in each system will bring disaster as the pharmacopeia, philosophy and modus operandi of each system are unique and different. We request you to promote each system to grow independently and progress further and with mutual research and a working policy of sustained referral to each system can be envisioned for quality health care delivery.

We all modern medicine doctors under aegis of Indian Medical Association, the largest association in the world with all specialty associations, medical students observed relay hunger strike for 14 days to impress upon we are for growth of each system including Ayurveda and only oppose mixing of system.

As it is commonly said, the modern medical doctors are not going to rural areas, we have submitted a list of 1500 modern medicine undergraduates willing to serve in any areas as assigned by central government as per the administrative structure of central government.

The minister for AYUSH said, the Ayurveda doctors will serve in rural area and Ayurveda surgeons will operate on rural people. Sir we want to bring to your kind notice there are 7.5 lakhs Ayurveda undergraduates and are they serving in rural areas? Is it constitutionally acceptable to have two sets of surgeons one fully qualified to treat urban elite and trained only in 39 procedures Ayurveda surgeons to operate for rural India?

The supreme court in various landmark judgements Dr. Mukhtiar chand & ors vs State of Punjab (1998) 7 SCC 579 and Poonam verma vs Ashwin patel (1996) 4 SC 332 cases very well said, the persons trained under one system shall not practice other ?

Modern medical surgeries are governed by National Medical commission since 2019 and its act section 34 also retreat the same. CCIM having no jurisdiction over Modern medicine , how can permit Indian system students to practice Modern medicine ?Section 36 of the 1970 Act empowers CCIM to promulgate regulations only in relation to qualification for Indian Medicine ?

We, the members of IMA along with the learned public submit this signed petition for your kindness to consider and impress upon the government to withhold the CCIM notification and form a committee to enhance research to bring out pure Ayurveda surgery and care with modern advancements.

Looking forward to getting the positive response from your highness.

Thanking you and with warm Regards.

Yours sincerely,