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To

Shri Arif Mohammed Khan

Hon'ble Governer of Kerala

Kerala Rajbhavan, Thiruvananthapuram

Your Excellency,

With due respect we wish to inform you about the protest relay hunger strike from 1st February to 14th February 2021 by all modern medicine doctors in the entire country. The onus of creating this situation is on the shoulder of Central Government as well as the Ayurveda council who introduced certain controversial clauses, whereby PG doctors of Ayurveda are permitted to perform 58 surgeries which are performed only by modern medicine doctors till now. This provision is not only against the basic ethics of modern medicine but also questioning the very principle followed by the modern medicine practitioners around the globe.

As we all are aware that Ayurveda never involved any kind of such surgeries for the past few centuries and now all of a sudden the Union Government published the gazette on 20th of November 2020 sanctioning authority to Ayurveda doctors to conduct 58 surgeries which is the root cause of this unrest. When we look into this notification, it clearly reveals that Ayurveda has not done any kind of such surgeries after Sushruthacharya. They even do not have meaningful and equal Ayurveda terms for Colectomy, Tracheal intubation or Orchidectomy, which are the classic example of non-development of Ayurveda after Susrutha which is sleeping like Rip Van Winkle.

Every citizen knows that surgery is not an activity of severing human body by few surgical tools. An experienced surgeon looks for heart and lungs problem, other diseases etc. before performing a surgery. An Anaesthesiologist look into the medical condition of a patient before his surgery. A surgeon is always equipped to handle any unforeseen events occurring during or after the

surgery. In addition, modern medicine gives antibiotic to prevent infection etc. At the same time, we are yet to understand how an Ayurveda doctor would be able to handle such conditions also it's not known to the world how an Anaesthesia is given by an Ayurveda doctor before the surgery. How can he give an antibiotic who does not recognise and believe virus and bacteria, and take his degree based on vaatha-kabha-pittha. It is never heard that Anaesthesia medicine and antibiotics are mentioned anywhere in the Ayurveda Pharmacology.

Who is going to teach the modern surgeries to this mixopathy experts? Even after completing the necessary examinations a modern medicine doctor is required to undergo many years of practice to gain practical experience under an efficient surgeon. Therefore, we cannot close our eyes to this gross injustice going to be performed by a half - boiled Ayurveda doctor.

It is an accepted fact that Ayurveda is one of the most prominent invention of ancient India but 99% of today's AYUSH doctors are joining for the courses not because of their choice but only because that they couldn't get the required mark in the entrance examination for getting admission in modern medicine. Therefore, modern medicine remains a dream in their mind and if they get an opportunity to practice modern medicine, it's damn sure that they will concentrate on modern medicine and step back from their core field i.e; Ayurveda. If it happens, in short time the last sign of Ayurveda will vanish into thin air. Therefore, it is better that each systems of medicine should remain in their base and spend time and energy for bringing more laurels to their system so that each systems of medicine can retain their quality and identity. Instead of doing this justifiable act, if they try to accept and adopt the achievements of other systems of medicines through back door, will cause a permanent damage to the original Ayurveda tradition.

The modern medicine is the science of continuous questioning, writing and rewriting and correcting the finding till it is proved right in all spheres. The science of medicine evolved as a modern medicine from the period of Haniman to this day by accepting science and its continuous experiment and practicality which proved its effectiveness. This branch embraced every new technology from engineering to Nano technology and also everything which is scientific and proven its mettle. We cannot tie a knot with a system of medicine which still believes that the cause of Leprosy is the sin committed in the previous birth and also believes that torture is the remedy for mental diseases. This will be a suicidal attempt to bring both these systems of medicines under one banner which have no similar method in diagnosing the disease and the treatment of disease.

The society must realise the dangers involved in permitting modern medicine surgeries by the AYUSH doctors and its consequences. Mixopathy and their surgeries are really a threat to the public health and also to the life of common man. We invite the conscience of our society to come forward and support the modern medicine against the gross injustice published in the gazette. Moreover the reputation of Indian MBBS degree will be diluted to the extent that this will loose it's recognition worldwide. Our brethren serving in the modern medicine facilities globally will be a rarity in the near future.

IMA strongly protest the decision by the Central Government in encouraging mixopathy. Their attempt in merging unscientific methods into scientific practices is to be fought with. The effort by NITI Aayog and National Medical Commission in diluting modern science with primitive medical practices is condemnable and IMA oppose this move to save the soul of modern medicine. The above said effort will help only to spoil the widespread acceptance of modern medicine doctors by the society and may eradicate the very essence of modern medicine in the near future. By realising these and also to create awareness among the masses, Indian Medical Association has decided to go to any extent in order to protect the sanctity of modern medicine.

We register our protest by resorting to Nationwide Relay Hunger strike from 1st February 2021. Starting from Kozhikode each district will join thereafter till 14th.

“Together to protect modern and Ayurveda medicine.”

With warm regards,



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