

To,
All States and Local Branches, IMA
Dear Colleagues,

The Central Council of IMA in Bengaluru on 27th & 28th December has unequivocally opposed the three prong attack on the medical profession currently in the Parliament in the form of

- 1) **NMC Bill 2017**
- 2) **IMC (Amendments) Bill 2018**
- 3) **Consumer Protection Bill 2018**

While the **NMC Bill 2017** remains unacceptable to the medical profession for its anti-people, anti-poor, anti-Democratic and anti-Federal character, the dissolution of MCI by an ordinance during a legitimate election process is a high handed autocratic act. Replacing a democratic and federal Medical Council with a nominated Board of Governors is an assault on the Constitution itself. IMC (amendments) Bill 2018 was passed by Lok Sabha on 31/12/2018.

Consumer Protection Act 1986 is being repealed and replaced by the **Consumer Protection Bill 2018**. The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha on 20.12.2018. The move to increase the jurisdiction of the district forum from **10 Lakhs to 1 Crore** and that of the State from **1 Crore to 10 Crores** and that of the National from **10 Crores upwards** is targeted directly at the medical profession. This Bill has been brought about while the Government of India is still engaged in dialogue with Indian Medical Association and has in principle agreed to cap the compensation as in drug trials. This has shaken the confidence of the fraternity in the dialogue with the Government.

IMA will resist with all its might all the three Bills which are direct assault on the profession. The Central Council of IMA has directed the medical fraternity to observe an **All India Protest Day** on Friday 04/01/2019 against all the three Bills:-

- 1) The Action Committee and Political Liaisoning Committee have been convened in IMA HQs Delhi on Wednesday 02/01/2019.
- 2) Political Liaisoning with MPs will ensue on 02/01/2019 and 03/01/2019.
- 3) All the State Branches and the Local Branches shall observe "**All India Protest Day**" on Friday 04/01/2019
 - a) by wearing black badges
 - b) Press Statement/Press Conference by State Branches
 - c) Memorandum to MPs by State and Local Branches
 - d) Posters in Hospitals

In our long struggle against injustice we are reaching a crucial juncture. We will continue to resist and oppose at all cost.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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