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REPORT

The Committee constituted to examine the validity of recommendations made by the Medical Council of India for grant of renewal of permission for the admission of the fourth batch of 100 MBBS students at Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital, Patiala for the academic year 2010-11 has examined the papers related to the inspections conducted by the Council Inspectors on 11/12.1.2010 and subsequently on 22.3.2010, and has also visited the Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital for a detailed inspection on 29.4.2010. The Committee has restricted its inquiries to the validity / correctness of the findings of the Council Inspectors and to the recommendations of the MCI made on 5.4.2010.

The inspection for renewal of permission carried out on 11/12.1.2010 was conducted by Dr. Suresh C. Shah, Additional Inspector, MCI, Dr. Ramesh Bharti, Professor of Surgery, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Govt. Medical College, Tanda, H.P., and Dr. Rajnish Avasthi, Professor of Medicine, UCMS, New Delhi. The inspection report dated 12.1.2010 was considered by the Executive Committee of MCI on 5.2.2010 and a decision taken to recommend to Government not to renew permission for admission of the fourth batch in 2010-11. In addition to the observations in the report of the Council Inspectors, the Executive Committee made thirteen specific observations relating to infrastructure, equipment, courses taught and research publications. Based on the compliance report submitted by the Principal of Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital in his letter of 27.2.2010, a further inspection was conducted by the Council Inspectors of MCI on 22.3.2010. Dr. Suresh C Shah, Additional Inspector, MCI was again a part of this team which also included Dr. Savitha C, Professor of Obs./Gynae, MBC, Bangalore and Dr. S.S. Minhas, Professor of Surgery, IGMC, Shimla. On consideration of this second

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report, the Executive Committee of MCI at its meeting on 5.4.2010, decided to recommend to the Central Government to renew the permission for admission to the fourth batch for the year 2010-11. This recommendation was conveyed to Government in MCI letter of 6.4.2010. Government's final decision in the matter has not yet been conveyed to MCI.

The Inquiry Committee were also made aware of the fact that the necessary inspection for purposes of affiliation by the affiliating University, the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, has not been conducted so far.

The members of the Inquiry Committee, accompanied by Srmt. Anjali Bhawra, Secretary, Medical Education, Government of Punjab, visited the Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital on 29.4.2010. Dr. A.S. Sekhon, Principal, was intimated of the visit by the Inquiry Committee only on the morning of 29.4.2010. The Committee visited the hospital and the medical college and held detailed discussions with the Principal, in addition to physically verifying the presence of teaching faculty in all 20 departments of the Medical College.

The Committee's inspection of the suitability of the Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital to continue to admit students focussed on three main areas, mainly, infrastructure, clinical load and faculty strength.

Infrastructure

The Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital is located on the main highway between Chandigarh and Rajpura on the road to Patiala. Though this is a rural area, the proximity to both Chandigarh and Patiala ensures that there is considerable traffic. Access to Gian Sagar is easy for patients, students and faculty alike. The premises are extensive and the buildings of the medical college, hospital, hostels etc. are modern. It should be noted

that as part of the entire Gian Sagar complex, there are also a nursing college, a dental college and a college of physiotherapy. The buildings for each of these colleges are *separate from the Medical College.*

The Inquiry Committee visited several OPD clinics, wards, operation theatres, casualty, labour room, nursery and laboratories in the hospital and interacted with the doctors on duty. It is clear that the hospital is fully functional; however the facilities and space available are relatively under used. For instance, there are 10 operation theatres out of which only 6 were functional and the rest unused. The number of operations being undertaken is far less than the facilities available. Possibly because of the very large areas available, the number of persons appears to be low though the data provided by the Medical Superintendent indicate a daily OPD of an average of 762 in the month of April, 2010, which includes 486 new patients and 276 old patients [Annexure I]. The indoor occupancy claimed by the Medical Superintendent is an average 82% which was true in some of the wards like General Surgery or General Medicine but much less in allied subjects [Annexure II]. The dialysis unit is fully used with 12 patients receiving dialysis at the time of the inspection and the ICU was also inspected having practically full occupancy. The case sheets of some of the indoor patients were randomly checked and were found to be genuine. The Committee was also informed that on the average, there are three deliveries per day in the hospital, and caesarean deliveries hardly performed. To the Committee this appears extremely low, especially given the large number of trained OBS / Gynae doctors available.

The Committee visited the blood bank which was fully equipped and having all desired blood components as of a modern blood bank but the Committee also observed the under utilisation of the blood bank due to lack of surgical work.

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The Council Inspectors in their inspection of 11/12.1.2010 noted that the Radiology department has three static and three mobile units, as against the requirement of five static and five mobile units. The rectification reported by the Principal was verified. The Council Inspectors also noted that the distance between beds in the wards is less than the prescribed 1.5 meters and further that space for endoscopy was not provided in the Operation Theatre. Both these observations have since been rectified.

Medical College

The Committee visited the Medical College and inspected the lecture halls, library and other facilities. The Council Inspectors have noted the lack of air conditioning in the central library as also the unavailability of medlar and skill laboratory. The library has been air conditioned and medlar and skill lab facilities made available. The Committee observed, however, that while the library appeared to be more than adequate for its purposes, both in terms of books and journals available and also in terms of internet access, reading room area, etc. the library was very poorly used. By way of explanation, it was suggested that the library is mainly used by the faculty, most of whom were on hospital duties at the time of the visit.

The Council Inspectors have noted the lack of central auditorium and of separate common rooms for boys and girls. There is still no auditorium though the Inquiry Committee was shown the site of construction for a new auditorium. At the present point of time, the large examination hall is used for auditorium purposes when necessary. Separate common rooms for boys and girls have been established.

Council Inspectors had noted the lack of a Central Research Laboratory. This has since been set up and the necessary staff in position.

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Council Inspectors had observed that there is no facility for demonstrating experimental work on animals by computer aided education.. The Committee also noted that though there was an animal experimental laboratory containing sheep, rabbits, mice and rats, no experimental work was being conducted. However, the provision for demonstrating experimental work on animals by computer aided education was available. However, the animal experimental work will be effectively used by the Post Graduates, if and when admitted.

The Inquiry Committee also noticed two classes in progress, one in pharmacology and one in psychiatry.

Teaching faculty

The Inquiry Committee met with the teaching faculty in each of the 20 departments of the Medical College. The Committee did not meet with senior and junior residents. From interaction with the faculty, the Committee has no reason to believe that any of the faculty members who appeared before the Committee were persons who were brought only for purposes of inspection. The Inquiry Committee is aware that a frequent complaint about inspections conducted by the MCI is that purely temporary faculty is hired only for the duration of the MCI inspection. This, however, did not appear to be the case at the Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital. The details of the faculty who appeared before the Inquiry Committee can be seen in the statement at Annexure III. The declaration forms duly signed by the faculty members are available in the office. The Committee believes that this is an adequate number of faculty insofar as undergraduate teaching is concerned.

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Conclusion

The Committee has been asked to examine the validity / correctness of the recommendations made to the Government by the MCI at its meeting of 5.4.2010. This necessarily includes an assessment of the validity of the reports made by the Council Inspectors.


The Committee has observed as follows:


- i) Although basic infrastructure is available for undergraduate medical teaching, OPD attendance was thin, and occupancy of beds, hospital services in terms of diagnostics, laboratory investigations, blood bank service, number of deliveries and surgeries were all relatively less.
- ii) Qualified teaching staff was in position. As shown in the statement at Annexure III, 107 faculty members were physically present and also verified by the Committee and 4 faculty members were on sanctioned leave. In the opinion of the Committee, this is adequate for undergraduate teaching.
- iii) The availability of teaching aids is more than satisfactory.
- iv) The library, which has internet access for both faculty and students, is under used at the present time.
- v) There are no regular departmental seminars, journal clubs / academic meetings. Research acumen and initiatives seemed to be lacking among faculty members, despite less clinical work.
- vi) Faculty members have published research papers, the details of which were made available to the Inquiry Committee.

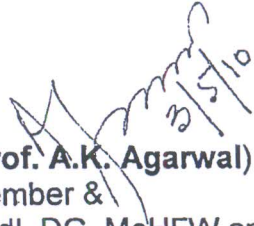
In conclusion, the Inquiry Committee is of the view that the recommendations made by the Executive Committee of the MCI at its meeting on 5.4.2010 to grant permission for admission of 100 students in the year 2010-11 for the fourth batch of MBBS students at

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the Gian Sagar Medical College & Hospital, Patiala was justified on the basis of the report of the Council Inspectors and the compliance report of the Principal. The observations made in the first report have been rectified. Further, the existing facilities and faculty at Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital appear more than adequate to conduct undergraduate medical teaching. However, there is scope for improvement of clinical and laboratory services within the existing infrastructure.


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Gian Sagar Medical College & Hospital
Ram Nagar Banur, Distt. Patiala, Punjab
Outdoor Statistics From 1 April to 28 April, 2010

S.N.	Specialty	NEW	OLD	TOTAL
1	General Medicine	1837	974	2811
2	Paediatric	1212	986	2198
3	Chest & TB	646	510	1156
4	Psychiatric	665	495	1160
5	Skin	867	542	1409
6	General Surgery	1466	1056	2522
7	Orthopedic	1459	1003	2462
8	Obstetric & Gynae	1165	1043	2208
9	EYE	1650	604	2254
10	ENT	799	511	1310
11	Casualty	1851	0	1851
	G.Total	13617	7724	21341
	AVG/DAY	486	276	762

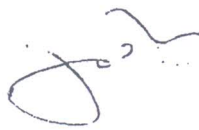


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Indoor Statistics From 1 April to 28 April, 2010

S.N.	Specialty	No of Patients	Bed Occupancy
1	General Medicine	2358	83
2	Paediatric	1373	82
3	Chest & TB	345	82
4	Psychiatric	240	95
5	Skin	209	83
6	General Surgery	2295	82
7	Orthopedic	1357	81
8	Obs & Maternity	827	82
9	Gynae	528	82
10	EYE	408	81
11	ENT	413	82
	G.Total	10353	82%



Details of faculty, department-wise, present before the Inquiry Committee on 29.4.2010

S.No	Department	Number present	Remarks
1	Anaesthesiology	7	Dr. Jasbir Kaur, HOD and Professor was on sanctioned leave.
2	Anatomy	7	
3	Biochemistry	5	Dr. Kamaljit Singh, Prof. & Head and also CEO, was absent and is presently in policy custody.
4	Chest and TB	1	One position professor vacant.
5	Community Medicine	8	
6	Forensic Medicine	3	
7	General Medicine	8	Dr. S.C. Khosla, Associate Professor was said to be on leave but no leave application was shown.
8	Microbiology	5	
9	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	8	
10	Ophthalmology	3	Dr. Sukhwinder Singh, Asst. Professor and Vice-Chairman, Gian Sagar Society was absent and is presently in police custody.
11	Orthopaedics	4	
12	Oto-Rhino-Laryngology	3	
13	Paediatrics	5	
14	Pathology	9	
15	Pharmacology	5	Dr. H.P. Kayath, Associate Professor was on sanctioned leave.
16	Physiology	9	
17	Psychiatry	1	Dr. G.D. Shukla, Professor was on sanctioned leave.
18	Radio Diagnosis	7	
19	Skin	1	Dr. Dinesh Govil, Professor was on sanctioned leave.
20	Surgery	8	
	TOTAL	107	4 on leave

Note: It is mandatory to have 2 faculty members in the Department of Dentistry, which was not verified by the Committee. However, since Gian Sagar Medical College and Hospital has a separate Dental College in their premises, it is presumed that there are more than two faculty members to provide teaching in Dentistry.