

Subject: - Doctors registered for one System of medicine and prescribing drugs of other system of medicine - reg.

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C I R C U L A R

1. Whereas realizing the need for integration of services and providing a choice of treatment to patients under one roof, GOI under NRHM took an important strategic intervention of mainstreaming of AYUSH. The objective of this intervention is to reinforce the existing public health care delivery system, with the use of natural, safe and friendly remedies, which are time tested, accessible and affordable. Accordingly total integration between the AYUSH dispensaries/ Hospitals and health care facilities under the Allopathic system has been taken up so that the entire Spectrum of treatment is available to the patients at affordable costs. However, it has been observed that some AYUSH doctors posted in Allopathic Institutions prescribe Allopathic Medicine which is in contravention to the very objective behind integration and mainstreaming of AYUSH under NRHM and in violation of law.
2. Whereas time and again it has been impressed upon AYUSH doctors to stick to prescribing their own system of medicine.
3. Whereas no person other than a medical practitioner enrolled on a state medical register shall practice modern scientific medicine in any State as per section 15 (2) (b) of the Indian Medical Council Act 1956.
4. Whereas no person other than a practitioner of Indian Medicine who possesses a recognized medical qualification and is enrolled on a state register or the central register of Indian medicine shall practice Indian medicine in any state as per section 17 (2) (b) of Indian Medicine Central Council Act 1970.
5. Whereas only those Ayurvedic/Unani doctors who are registered under J&K Ayurvedic /Unani practitioners act 1959 are entitled to practice Ayd./Unani medicine in J&K.
6. Whereas those Homoeopathic doctors who are registered under J&K Homoeopathic practitioners Act 2003 read with amendment act 2009 are entitled to practice Homoeopathic Systems of medicine in the State.
7. Whereas time and again it has been impressed upon AYUSH doctors to stick to prescribing their own system of medicine Whereas circular instructions have been circulated from time to time impressing upon AYUSH doctors to prescribe medicines of their own system for which they are registered under law.
8. Whereas vide Govt, order No. 308-HME of 2006 dated: 17.05.2006 and No. 257-HME of 2009 dated: 18.06. 2009 it has been made clear that doctors registered for one system of medicine can not prescribe the medicine, of other system of medicine and defaulters would be liable for action.
9. Whereas vide Director, Indian Systems of Medicine, J&K's Circular No. DISM/Gen/609-22 dated: 21.05.2010 all ISM/Homoeopathic doctors were impressed upon inter-alia, to prescribe medicine of only that system for which they are registered.
10. Whereas a standing committee of experts was constituted by Govt, of India to consider and give its recommendations to the Govt, on the efficacy /merits of various streaming of alternative medicine and the committee after analyzing the different streams of alternative medicine (viz , Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homoeopathy, Yoga Naturopathy Electropathy Acupuncture Magneto therapy , Hypnotherapy , reflexology , Aromatherapy , colour therapy , gems and stone therapy , pranic healing and music therapy) the committee , did not recommend recognition to any of these alternative medicines except the already recognized traditions of medicine viz Ayurveda, Sided , Unani, Homoeopathy and Yoga & Naturopathy as per order No. F.14015/25/96-U&H@(Pt)dated: 25th November 2003 issued by Joint Secretary Govt, of India Ministry of Health & Family Welfare , New Delhi.

Now , therefore, it is again impressed upon Allopathic/AYUSH doctors /practitioners to stick to prescribing the system of medicine for which they registered and refrain from prescribing medicine of other system of medicine. The CMOs/ADMOs(ISM)/Medical Superintendent/BMOs of Health Department are advised to ensure that AYUSH doctors working in their institutions stick to prescribing medicines of AYUSH and should not be allowed to prescribe medicines of other system of medicine /Allopathic system.

Deviation if any will be viewed seriously.

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