



Disease Management Association of India
(Organization with a Special Consultative Status with the United Nations – ECOSEC)

To,
Hon'ble Chief Justice & Justice;
A R Dave,
A K Sikri,
R K Agrawal,
Adarsh K Goel
R Banumathi.
Supreme Court of India
Tilak Marg, New Delhi 110201

May 9th , 2016

Regarding : Overhauling the MCI – Medical Council of India

Hon'ble Chief Justice and respected Judges ,

I am writing this on behalf of the Disease Management Association of India – The Population Health Improvement Alliance . We are the only organization in Indian Healthcare to have been granted a 'Special Consultative Status' by the United Nations –ECOSEC for the work we have done in healthcare reforms

We appreciate your decision of 2nd May to appoint the three-member committee of Justice R M Lodha (Former Chief Justice of India), Dr Shiv Kumar Sarin (Former Chairman of the Medical Council of India) and Vinod Rai (Former Comptroller and Auditor General of India) to oversee the functioning of MCI till it is reformed.

With due respect , we wish to submit the following for your kind consideration ;

Page 25 of the BJP Election Manifesto states the following :

“Education and Training – Will review the role of various professional regulatory bodies in healthcare and consider setting up an overarching lean body for healthcare. High priority will be given to address the shortfall of healthcare professionals”.

I have drafted the BJP's Election Manifesto under the Chairman, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, and I know the thinking behind writing about reforming various professional regulatory bodies as the third point under Health section .

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The whole idea was that, we not only need to reform MCI , but also , other professional regulatory bodies like the Pharmacy Council of India , Nursing Council of India , Homeopathic Council etc.

All these bodies are there to protect their own turfs, and no one 'really' cares for the 'Patient' for whom the entire healthcare system should operate .

I would request you to take a pragmatic view and reconsider the structure and scope of the committee, and the reform should not be just around MCI, but for all professional bodies for healthcare and we should have a body like the 'Healthcare Council' that includes members from all stake holders. If these committees only have doctors , we will see nothing but a 'medicalised' reform of Healthcare . Something, that we must avoid at all costs. Healthcare must focus on 'Population Health' and not overly on 'doctors' . Today, everything in healthcare revolves around the doctors and no wonder , we have 'treatment based' healthcare system. Please address this issue and go beyond doctors !

I am hopeful that you will consider our submission

Should you need more details or clarifications , I can meet the Hon'ble Chief Justice or the bench and discuss the details . The details of the Healthcare reforms have been dealt in my book *'Healthcare Reforms in India - Making up for the Lost Decades'* published by Elsevier.

Thanks in advance for your kind consideration

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