

Minister of Health & family Welfare
NMC, NBEMS, NITI Ayog

Subject: Request to Reinstate Mandatory Emergency Medicine Departments in Medical Colleges. May Grandfather first five years of new medical colleges.

The current statistics indicate that only 3% of emergency medicine technicians in India has qualified BSE Emergency medicine technician, as reported by consultants to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHF). This underscores a critical need for training programs, which can be effectively established through dedicated Emergency Medicine departments in medical colleges.

Dr. Vinod Paul, during his tenure as chairman of the Medical Council of India (MCI), recognized this necessity by mandating the establishment of Emergency Medicine departments. As a result, the number of medical colleges offering postgraduate courses in Emergency Medicine increased from 40 to 135 within three to four years. However, the recent decision by the National Medical Commission (NMC) to cease the requirement of an Emergency Medicine department as a minimal standard for MBBS programs poses a significant challenge. Consequently, many medical colleges have begun to abandon the implementation of these vital departments.

If this trend continues, we risk losing the opportunity to train BSE Emergency Medicine technicians and postgraduate specialists in this critical field. Therefore, we urge the Ministry to reinstate the requirement for Emergency Medicine departments in all MBBS medical colleges across India.

Furthermore, we request the Ministry of Health to implement the BSE Emergency Medicine technician course syllabus in all health universities and deemed universities nationwide. This will not only enhance the quality of emergency care in the country but also ensure a steady pipeline of qualified professionals in emergency medicine.

State of TAMIL Nadu is leader has implemented 20 medical colleges emergency department. And 900 seats in BSE Emergency Medicine Technician seats per year.

Regards

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