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Statutory Body under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

F.No. 18-18/SNRC/2024-INC

Date: 22 APR 2024

To,

The Registrar,
Madhya Pradesh Nurses Registration Council,
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Sub: Showcause Notice Under Section 14 (1) of Indian Nursing Council Act 1947.

Sir/Madam,

1. Whereas the MP Nurses Registration Council has on 21.02.2024 published in the MP Official Gazette the Madhya Pradesh Nursing Shikshan Swasthya Manyata Rules 2024 (MP Rules for short). Vide the said rules numerous changes have been brought about in the required standards of clinical, infrastructural and academic requirements for establishment and recognition of nursing institution in the state.
2. Whereas a perusal of the MP Rules would indicate that the said rules are contrary and in grave departure from the rules and regulations notified by the Indian Nursing Council for establishment of recognised nursing institutions under the Indian Nursing Council Act 1947. In essence the MP Rules dilute the rules notified by the INC and make avenues for poorly equipped enterprises to conduct nursing programs and award nursing degrees. The same would not be in the interest of the nursing profession and overall is not in the public interest.
3. Whereas you are aware that Indian Nursing Council has been constituted under Indian Nursing Council Act 1947 in order to establish uniform standard of training for nurses midwives and health visitors. It is in order to establish uniform standard of nurse training that Indian Nursing Council has prescribed detailed rules and guidelines for opening of nursing institutions all across the country. You are further aware that it is based on the standards of education prescribed by the Indian Nursing Council and award of qualification thereunder that would constitute recognised qualifications under the Indian Nursing Council Act 1947.

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4. Whereas it is seen that the MP Rules notified are inconsistent with the rules and regulations notified by the Indian Nursing Council from time to time. Some of such inconsistencies between the MP Rules and those prescribed by the INC are as under:-
 - a. Assistant Nurses- Midwife not prescribed by Indian Nursing Council under section 16 of INC Act, 1947.
 - b. Nurse- Midwife- not prescribed by Indian Nursing Council under section 16 of INC Act, 1947.
 - c. Rented agreement shall be of 02 years.
 - d. Shift wise hospital is not advised as nursing students have to be exposed to holistic clinical experience (all shifts to be included).
 - e. Eligibility Annexure-11 is not Nurses- Midwife but RN & RM.
5. Whereas it is seen that MP rules have been notified without any prior approval of Indian Nursing Council and that the above would clearly show that the MP Rules have gravely diluted the standards of nursing education prescribed by the Indian Nursing Council from time to time. It is apposite to mention that the standards are prescribed by the Council having due representation from all parts of the Country and are in terms of section 16 of the INC Act 1947 and are applicable across India.
6. Whereas a departure from the standards prescribed by the Indian Nursing Council may prove fatal for the standards of nurses in the country and specifically in the state of Madhya Pradesh. The same also creates a disparity in the skill sets of nurses from different states. While those nurses who have studied in nursing institutions from other states adhering to the INC standards would be better trained having access to better infrastructure, clinical and teaching training and at the same time the nurses from Madhya Pradesh would be found lacking. Similarly dilution of the academic staff requirement would also be fatal as nurses from other states trained nurses would have better attention from their teacher (since student to teacher ratio would be low) than the nurses from MP. In a similar manner the nurses from other states would be better trained having due access to better hospitals having a favourable patient to student ratio than the nurses in Madhya Pradesh. All these would lead to a situation where the nurses trained in MP maybe not at par with nurses trained in other states.
7. Whereas you are aware that in terms of the prescriptions made by Indian Nursing Council, there is a mechanism of reciprocal registration that is nurses having recognised qualifications obtained from state recognised Madhya Pradesh Nursing institution can get themselves enrolled in other Nursing Councils. This reciprocal

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registration is possible only when there is a uniform standard of nursing education all across the country and in the present case the departure made by MP Council is totally contrary to the scheme of reciprocal registration of students and would be fatal to and not in the interest of nursing students of Madhya Pradesh.

8. Whereas it is also relevant to mention that in terms of Section 10 and Part I of the Schedule of the authorities authorized to grant recognized qualification of General Nursing The Madhya Pradesh State Nurses Registration Council is also included in entry 26.
9. Whereas Section 14 of the Indian Nursing Council Act 1947 duly empowers the Executive Committee of the Council to withdraw the recognition of any authority or institution which awards any recognized qualification without following the standards prescribed by the Central Council. In this respect under Section 14(3) the Council is duly empowered to declare that the qualification awarded by any authority would cease to be a recognized qualification from a particular date. Section 14(3) also provides that in the event the nursing qualification is acquired at an institute not meeting the standards of prescribed by the INC the said student would be entitled to be registered in the state of study of nursing program only.
10. Whereas as stated above, the MP Rules are not in conformity and in consonance of the rules and regulations of the Central Council, the MP Nurses and Registration Council faces a risk where the Central Council would be constrained to de-recognize the authority from grant of recognized qualification in addition to declaring that the institutions recognized with leave of the MP Council under the MP Rules are otherwise not suitable to conduct the nursing program and hence the qualification awarded by them are only good for registration in Madhya Pradesh.
11. Now therefore in light of the above you are hereby called upon to show cause as to why appropriate proceedings may not be initiated to withdraw the recognition of MP Nurses Registration Council. A response to the same should be furnished within 15 days from the date of receipt of this notice.

For and on Behalf of Indian Nursing Council

Yours faithfully,

Lt Col (Dr) Sarjeet Kaur
Secretary

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