

செய்தி வெளியீடு

மாநில அரசுகளின் ஒதுக்கீட்டின் கீழுள்ள முதுகலை மருத்துவ சேர்க்கையில் தற்போதுள்ள நிலையே தொடர வேண்டுமென்று வலியுறுத்தியும், தேசிய மருத்துவ ஆணையத்தின் முதுகலை மருத்துவக் கல்வி வரைவுக்கு தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் எதிர்ப்பைத் தெரிவித்தும், மாண்புமிகு ஒன்றிய சுகாதாரம் மற்றும் குடும்பநலத் துறை அமைச்சர் திரு.மன்சுக் மண்டாவிடம் அவர்களுக்கு மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு முதலமைச்சர் திரு.மு.க.ஸ்டாலின் அவர்கள் இன்று கடிதம் எழுதியுள்ளார்.

PRESS RELEASE

Text of the D.O. Letter No.1437/CMO/2021, Dated 31-7-2021 of Thiru M.K. Stalin, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu addressed to the Hon'ble Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

I would like to draw your attention and place on record my strong objection to the Draft Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, recently released by the National Medical Commission.

The draft regulations intend to undermine the role of the States in Post Graduate Medical Education, since their role in the admission of students under their own State quota is sought to be unilaterally removed. It is unfortunate that such draft regulations have been formulated without a proper understanding of the current predominant role of State Governments in this domain. The Union Government and the National Medical Council need to appreciate the fact that it is only the States which have heavily invested their own resources to create most of the PG seats. Considering this, our State has consistently been opposed to such measures aimed at centralization of States' powers.

The proposed step is not only unacceptable but is also in contravention of the provisions in the Main Act, governing the common counselling for the seats at the State level. In this connection, I would like to draw your kind attention to Section 11.2 of the draft PG Regulations, which attempts to centralize and designate the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India as the designated authority for counselling for State quota seats. This section is clearly contrary to the proviso in the Section 15 of the Main NMC Act, 2019, which explicitly mentions that "the designated authority of the State Government shall conduct the common counselling for the seats at the State level".

Further, Section 10.1 in the proposed draft Regulations and the sub-clauses under it are again a brazen attempt towards giving effect to the yet to be introduced

licentiate examination for enrolment in medical registers and making it serve as a NEET for admission to PG Courses. Tamil Nadu has consistently been against the proposed National Exit test as well as the proposal to make it as the basis of admissions to PG seats. Thus, the draft regulations are totally against the consistent and principled stand of our State Government.

We have been admitting the candidates who apply for admissions under the State quota PG seats in a transparent manner by following our reservation policy, without any issues so far. We also have a robust mechanism of incentivizing medical service in rural, remote and difficult areas for the in-service candidates, within the provisions of the existing regulations and this has been the bedrock of our well-functioning public health system. Thus, the draft regulations, if implemented, will grossly harm our State.

Hence, any hasty attempts, as brought out in the draft regulations, aimed at changing the present methodology of counselling for the State quota seats against the provision of the Main NMC Act and the proposal to make the National Exit test as the basis of PG admissions in future, should be immediately stopped. I am of the firm view that the status-quo should be maintained on the admissions for State quota PG admissions seats. I once again strongly reiterate our opposition to the draft Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2021, which hit at the very root of the federalism.

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