

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2003

ORDER

The matter regarding grant of recognition to the various streams of alternative medicine including electropathy/electrohomeopathy, has been under consideration of the Govt. In this process, Govt. has considered the orders dated 18.11.98 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CWP No.4015/96 & OM NO.8468/97 which has inter-alia directed the Central/State Govts. to consider making legislation to grant of licenses to the existing and new institutes etc. to control & regulate the various 'unrecognised' streams of alternative medicines and also to give adequate publicity through media informing public about the 'Respondents' and similar other institutes not being recognized by the Govt. & affiliated with any of the Councils.

Government constituted a 'Standing Committee of Experts' under the Chairmanship of Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research and members were drawn from various fields of medicine to consider & give its recommendations to the Government on the efficacy/merits of various streams of alternative medicine and also examine feasibility of making legislation as suggested by the Hon'ble Court.

The Committee developed essential & desirable criteria for grant of recognition to a new stream of medicine and analysed the different streams of 'Alternative medicine viz. Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homeopathy, Yoga & Naturopathy, Electropathy, Electrohomeopathy, Acupuncture, magnetotherapy, Reiki, Reflexology, Urine Therapy/Autourine Therapy, Hypnotherapy, Aromatherapy, Colour Therapy, Pranic Healing, Gems & Stone Therapy and Music Therapy.

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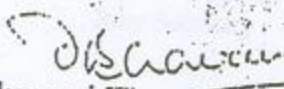
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The Committee did not recommend recognition to any of those alternative medicines except those already recognized traditional systems of medicines, viz: Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homeopathy and Yoga & Naturopathy which were found to fulfill the essential & desirable criteria developed by the Committee for recognition of a system of medicine. The Committee has, however, recommended that certain practices as Acupuncture and Hypnotherapy which qualified as modes of therapy, could be allowed to be practised by registered practitioners or appropriately trained personnel. The Committee further suggested that all those Systems of Medicine not recognised as separate Systems should not be allowed to continue full-time Bachelor and Master's degree courses and the term "Doctor" should be used only by practitioners of Systems of Medicine recognized by the Government of India. Those considered as Mode of Therapy can be conducted as Certificate courses for registered medical practitioners to adopt these modes of therapy in their practice, whether modern medicine or Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy.

After carefully examining the various recommendations of the Committee, the Government accepted these recommendations of the Committee. Accordingly, it is requested that the State/UT Govt. may give wide publicity to the decision of the Govt. They may also ensure that institutions under the State/UT, do not grant any degree/diploma in the stream of medicine which have not been recommended for recognition and the term "Doctor" is used by practitioners of recognized system of medicine.

This issues with the approval of Secretary(Health), Ministry of Health & FW.

  
(Bhavani Thyagarajan)  
Joint Secretary

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1. All Health Secretaries of States/UTs.
  2. Secretary, UGC.
  3. Dental Council of India, Indian Nursing Council, Medical Council of India, Pharmacy Council of India, Indian Council of Medical Research
  4. Secretary, Deptt of ISM&H
  5. CCIM, CCH, GCRAS, CCRYN, CCRH, CCRUM.