

"I have authorized N E H M of INDIA for the Development Promotion & Research of electropathy in India"

The Government of India issued an Order No. R. 14015/25/96-U & H(R) (pt) dated 25th November 2003, based on the recommendations of a "Standing Committee of Experts" under the chairmanship of Director General ICMR, set up by the Government of India. Based on the recommendations of the committee, the GOI has given the following orders:

The committee did not recommend recognition to alternative medicines except Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Homeopathy & Yoga & Naturopathy which were found to fulfill the essential & desirable criteria developed by the Committee for recognition of a system of medicine.

The Committee further recommended that all systems of medicine not recognized as separate systems should not be allowed to continue full time Bachelor and Masters degrees and the term doctor should be used only by practitioners of systems of medicine recognized by Government of India. Those considered as mode of therapy can be conducted as certificate courses for registered medical practitioners.

The Committee, however, recommended that certain practices as Acupuncture which qualified as modes of therapy, could be allowed to be practised by registered practitioners or appropriately trained personnel.

The Committee, based on the essential & desirable criteria, did not find electropathy to qualify as a system of medicine. Therefore, it is clear that, in accordance with this order electropathy cannot run full time Bachelor and Masters degrees and those practicing it cannot use the term "doctor".

NEHM, as per the document submitted by them is conducting diploma and certificate courses, and not running full time Bachelor and Masters degrees.

In so far as recognizing the courses run by them, it is clarified that the concerned boards/statutory bodies like the Medical Council, give recognition to courses. Since electropathy is not recognized as a system of medicine, there is no system for recognition of any course run by them in the Health Ministry.

NEHM, has also not submitted any document according to which they fulfill the essential & desirable criteria developed by the Committee for recognition of a system of medicine.

However, the Order No. R. 14015/25/96-U & H(R) (pt) dated 25th November 2003 does not bar the Development & Research of Electropathy.

In accordance with Orders of the High Court & Supreme Court quoted here, there is no proposal to stop the petitioners from practicing in electropathy or imparting education, as long as this is done within the provision of the order No. R. 14015/25/96-U & H (R) (Pt) dated 25th November 2003. The representation of the petitioner dated 28.10.2009 is disposed of accordingly.

