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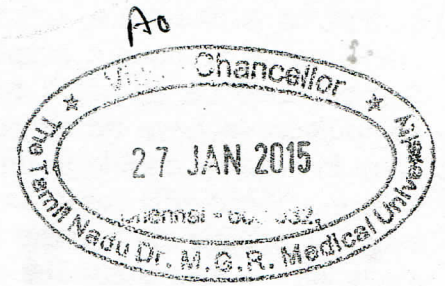
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**Subject: Conduct of Entrance Examination for NRI students for admission in MBBS course – Regarding.**

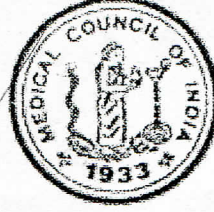
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to state that the matter with regard to the admissions of students in the MBBS course under NRI quota was placed before the Executive Committee of the Council at its meeting held on 16/12/2014. The Committee noted that the Hon'ble Supreme Court in P.A. Inamdar's case -(2005) 6 SCC 537 in Para 131 has held as under:-

*"...A limited reservation of such seats, not exceeding 15%, may be made available to NRIs depending on the discretion of the management subject to two conditions. First, such seats should be utilized bona fide by NRIs only and for their children or wards. Secondly, within this quota, merit should not be given a complete go-by..."*

The reading of the aforesaid would show that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has held that in admissions under the NRI quota, merit cannot be compromised. According to Regulation 5 of the Graduate Medical Education Regulation, 1997, the selection of students to a medical college shall be based solely on the merit of the candidate. Further, Regulation 5(ii) of the Graduate Medical Education Regulation, 1997, stipulates that in States having more than one University/Board/Examining Body, a competitive entrance examination should be held, so as to achieve a uniform evaluation for the reason that there should be variation of standards at qualifying examinations conducted by different agencies.

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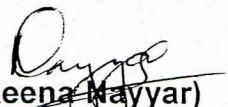
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The Committee further noted that NRI students apply to individual medical colleges in different States. These students can be from more than one country and therefore, necessarily would have taken qualifying examinations from different Boards/examining bodies. It is, therefore, essential to have a uniform evaluation of their academic ability-marks so as to make a proper merit list. Therefore, the principle embodied in Regulation 5(ii) will also be attracted to admissions being made in the NRI category. Hence, it is compulsory to have an Entrance Test for NRI students so as to determine their inter-se merit in order to enable them to exercise preference for admissions to the various medical colleges. Since NRI students are normally making applications on Statewise basis, it may even be feasible to have the test individually for each State so that there can be a common merit list for NRI students who apply to that particular State. In view of the aforesaid position, the Executive Committee of the Council has decided that from the Academic Year 2015-16 onwards all admissions in NRI category shall be on merit which shall be determined through the Common Entrance Test.

Accordingly all concerned are directed to ensure that admissions in NRI category are made through a Common Entrance Test (CET) from a merit list drawn from the CET, from the Academic Year 2015-16

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. Reena Nayyar)  
Secretary I/c