



*Government of Puducherry*  
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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Medical Council of India (MCI) has issued directions to seven Medical Colleges run by unaided private management as well as by deemed Universities to discharge 95 students admitted in Postgraduate Medical courses otherwise than through common counseling conducted by CENTAC as shown against each:

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| 1. Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences           | : 16 students |
| 2. Aarupadai Veedu Medical College                     | : 13 students |
| 3. Manakula Vinayakar Medical College                  | : 15 students |
| 4. Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute | : 23 students |
| 5. Vinayaka Mission's Medical College                  | : 21 students |
| 6. Sri Venkateswara Medical College                    | : 6 students  |
| 7. Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences  | : 1 student   |

It may be recalled that many of the students who were given provisional allotment by CENTAC were refused admission in these colleges and the affected students called on Hon'ble Lt. Governor and gave written and oral complaints. The main allegation was that the self-financing medical colleges allegedly denied admission even after paying the fee fixed by the statutory fee committee and that the deemed universities refused admission allegedly demanding exorbitant fee to the tune of Rs.40-50 lakh per year.

Though Hon'ble Lt. Governor had personally visited these private medical colleges located in Puducherry and requested them to admit the students, the request was not acceded to. Hon'ble Lt. Governor therefore directed the Director of Health & Family Welfare Services, as the nodal officer of the Union Territory, to furnish the list of students who were admitted in each of the seven medical colleges, to the MCI. Accordingly, the list was sent to MCI wherein a separate list

showing the discrepancies made by medical colleges in admitting students to Postgraduate medical courses was enclosed. The statement of discrepancies brought out the facts of excess allotment made by CENTAC as well as the admission made by private colleges otherwise than through common counseling, as mandated by Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor wrote to the President, MCI forwarding the list of discrepancies detected in admission by these colleges. The Monitoring Committee of MCI carefully examined the list of students admitted by the private colleges with that of students allotted seats through CENTAC under common counseling. Such of those students who did not find a place in the list of students allotted seats through CENTAC have been directed to be discharged by the concerned colleges. The MCI has also directed the colleges to send compliance report within two weeks. The MCI has also sent copies of their directions to affiliating university i.e., Pondicherry University in respect of private medical colleges for appropriate action.

It is relevant to point out that a Public Interest Litigation has also been filed by one Shri V.B.R. Menon, Advocate in Hon'ble Madras High Court in W.P. No.17325/2017 challenging the irregular admissions made by private medical colleges of Puducherry Union Territory violating the MCI guidelines and Hon'ble Supreme Court directions. A detailed affidavit has since been filed by Secretary to Lt. Governor as 4<sup>th</sup> respondent, narrating the factual position.

It is the bounden duty and responsibility of the Union Territory to ensure that the meritorious students who were allotted Postgraduate medical seats through CENTAC are admitted against the seats now vacated by the students discharged by MCI in the private colleges.

