To,

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Subject (for tracking): Manish Jain on NMC bill, and educational apartheid

Dear Sir,

I wish to submit an article, "National Medical Bill – An opportunity to end educational apartheid?" as a <u>letter to editor</u> to your esteemed journal as I find it to be the only channel to voice my views with regards to decades of discrimination the medical post graduates with a degree of the National Board of Examination are subjected to.

I was once a faculty of a medical college in India until my forced ouster from the college after a humiliating experience during an inspection by the MCI in 2007. I was an avid researcher with experience in both clinical and basic research in Ophthalmology before joining the concerned medical college and was voted the best teacher informally on one of the teachers' day.

Skepticism and uncertainties regarding the impact of Medial Council of India being superseded by a board of Governors has been discussed in one of your recent editorials (https://doi.org/10.20529/IJME.2018.029). However, the concerns of wannabe teachers among DNBs are not addressed. I find it obligatory to raise my concerns.

I sincerely hope you would find it suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

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I have read the terms of publication of articles in IJME given on the website and accept them. Sincerely,



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