Subject: Minutes of meeting held between Hon’ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare with the National President and Secretary General from Indian Medical Association (IMA) on 9th November, 2015.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of the Minutes of meeting held between Hon’ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare with the National President and Secretary General from Indian Medical Association (IMA) on 9th November, 2015 for information and necessary action.

(Rajeev Kumar)
Director(Coordination)

To
National President, Indian Medical Association
Secretary General, Indian Medical Association

Copy for necessary action to:

Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice
Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs
Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
Secretary, Medical Council of India
Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

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Department of Health & Family Welfare

Prof. Dr. A. Marthanda Pillai, National President and Dr. K. K. Aggarwal, Secretary General, Indian Medical Association (IMA) met the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare on 9th November 2015 at 7.15 p.m. Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) was also present during the deliberations.

2. The IMA representatives raised inter-alia the following issues, which according to them, are causing disaffection amongst the fraternity of doctors:

i) Frequent instances of assault on doctors and clinical establishments across the country and the need for a Central Legislation for providing protection to the same;

ii) Urgent amendments in the PC & PNDT Act to ensure that strict penalties are imposed only on actual act of sex determination or female feticide and not for clerical errors in the maintenance of registers etc. The IMA is also of the view that registration should be of ultrasound machine and not of doctors not doing pelvic ultrasound;

iii) Single doctor establishments should be exempted from the purview of the Clinical Establishments Act and the need for pre-registration inspection may not be there for those clinical establishments which already have entry level NABH accreditation and above.

iv) Suitable amendments should be made in the Consumer Protection Act for capping the compensation amount as the current compensation practice, apart from being very high at times, was also tilted in favour of the persons with higher income;

v) The non-MBBS and non-BDS doctors should not be allowed to prescribe medicines under modern system and the other stream practitioners like AYUSH doctors etc. should not be allowed to practice through bridge courses and through government orders.

3. The above issues were discussed in detail. In order to examine them in depth and any other point which IMA may have impinging on the above issues and to suggest a time-bound plan for implementation of the feasible points, it was decided to constitute a Committee under the Additional Secretary (Health) with the following composition:

i) Joint Secretary-concerned of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare dealing with the subject;
II) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice
III) Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution;
IV) Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
V) A representative of MCI
VI) A maximum of three representatives from IMA

4. It was decided that the above Committee would give its Report within six-weeks from the date of issue of this Order. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will take expeditious action on receipt of the recommendation of the Committee.