According to newspaper reports, the President of MCI and some others were arrested by the CBI on the 22nd April, 2010 for alleged involvement in monetary transactions for recommending renewal of permission in case of Gyan Sagar Medical College, Punjab for the year 2010-11. I understand that recommendations of MCI were put up for approval and accordingly sanction was issued by the Ministry on 22nd April, 2010.

In February, 2010, I had addressed a letter to Deans and Principals of all Medical Colleges/Dental Colleges stating very clearly that I had not authorized any individual/organization to approach any Medical/Dental college authorities on my behalf or on behalf of my office promising approval/recognition of their colleges for both under graduates and post graduate courses for the year 2010-11. I had also made it clear that if anyone did approach them, they were free to call me to take appropriate action. I had given details of my fax and telephone numbers, and email address. I had also reiterated that I wanted to maintain absolute transparency in the functioning of my ministry and categorically directed that if any college authority entertains such middlemen or brokers it would be viewed seriously and followed by stringent and stern action including withdrawal of the recognition/debarring from admission a new batch of students for a year or two.

From the present events it is evident that despite my clear directions to the ministry, MCI, DCI and managements of Medical and Dental Colleges, unscrupulous elements continue to operate at various levels promising permission to medical/dental colleges.

As such, I hereby direct that a three member fact finding team may immediately be constituted by the ministry to inspect the college and submit a report within a week. The fact funding team may clearly examine whether the recommendations made by the MCI were in order or not. In the mean while, the renewal of permission granted on 22nd April, 2010 may be kept in abeyance till further orders.

Secretary Health may also seek a report from CBI regarding the investigation currently under progress and more facts if any so that further necessary action can be taken as appropriate.

(Shriaml Nabi Azad)

Secretary (H&FW)
ORDER

Subject: Constitution of Committee to examine the validity of recommendations made by MCI for grant of renewal of permission for the admission of 4th batch of 100 MBBS students at Gian Sagar Medical College & Hospital, Patiala, Punjab for the academic year 2010-11.

With the approval of competent authority, it has been decided to constitute a three member committee with the following members:

(i) Shri Keshav Desiraju, Additional Secretary, M/o Health F.W. ……… Chairman
(ii) Dr. Rani Kumar, Dean, AIIMS…………………………… Member
(iii) Prof. A.K. Agarwal, Add. DG, Dte. DGHS……………………… Member

2. The terms of reference of the Committee will be to examine the validity/correctness of the recommendation made by the MCI on 5.4.2010 recommending renewal of permission for the admission of 4th batch of 100 MBBS students at Gian Sagar Medical College & Hospital, Patiala, Punjab for the academic year 2010-11.

3. The Committee will submit its report to this Ministry within a week’s time.

Deputy Secretary (ME)
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To

The Chairman and Members of the above Committee

Copy to: (i) PS to HFM (ii) PS to MOS(DT) (iii)PPS to Secretary(HFW) (iv) Dte. GHS/Director(AIIMS).
No. U.12012/327/2006-ME-(P-II)  
11th May, 2010

Dear

With this letter, I enclose a copy of this Ministry’s order of 26.4.2010 by which a 3-Member Committee was constituted to examine the validity of the recommendations made by the Medical Council of India in the matter of Gian Sagar Medical College & Hospital, Patiala. I also enclose a copy of the report received on 5.5.2010.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(K. Sujatha Rao)

To,

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Encl: As above

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