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National Medical Commission

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Post Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB)

No.35/96(55)/2022-PGMEB

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<u>ORDER</u>

Date: 5/4/24

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The Berhampur University, Bhanja Bihar, Berhampur vide its Letter No.2642/Acad-I/BU/22 datred 29th March, 2022 had applied for recognition against increased intake of two seats (3 to 5) of MD (Anatomy) qualification in respect of students being trained at M.K.C.G. Medical College, Berhampur, having an annual intake capacity of six seats in the said course.

- 2. WHEREAS, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) got the assessment of the M.K.C.G. Medical College, Berhampur done on 27.02.2023 for verification of infrastructure, clinical material, faculty for all-round training of students as per curriculum requirement. On scrutiny of the Assessment Report and other records, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) found the following deficiencies:
 - Deficiency of one Associate Professor; two Assistant Professors and one Senior Resident/ Tutor/ Demonstrator as per MSR-2020; and
 - ii. The Blood Bank Licence had expired and renewal was under process.
- WHEREAS, the deficiencies stated in para 2 above were pointed out to the said medical college vide PGMEB Letter No.35/96(55)/2022-PGMEB/030138 dated 31st May, 2023 and the medical college was given an opportunity to submit a written explanation in respect of the deficiencies. Since the medical college did not furnish any reply in respect of the deficiencies, two reminder letters dated 17th November, 2023 and 7th March, 2024 were sent for expediting the reply. However, the medical college still did not furnish any reply. The Board examined the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) report of the Department of Anatomy for the period 01.01.2024 to 22.03.2024 and found that there is shortage of one Associate Professor and two Assistant Professors in the Department of Anatomy. Hence, the Board concluded that the faculty available in the Department is not adequate for the annual intake of six post-graduate seats (eighteen post-graduate students studying at a given time). Hence, the reply furnished by the medical college was not found satisfactory and acceptable by the Board.
- 4. WHEREAS, the responsibility of determination and maintenance of standards of post-graduate medical education is entrusted upon the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board of the National Medical Commission as per National Medical Commission Act, 2019 (NMC Act, 2019), Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations-2023 (PGMER-2023) and Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023 (MSMER-2023). As per A.1.15 of Schedule-I of the Minimum Requirements for Annual M.B.B.S. Admissions Regulations, 2020, installation of Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) is mandatory and NMC has been advising the medical colleges/institutes to install the Aadhaar

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Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) from time to time. With a view to effectively implement the AEBAS, NMC vide its letter No.D-130024/07/2022/NMC/DMMP dated 1st August, 2022 issued instructions to all medical colleges/institutions to install AEBAS devices for biometric attendance. Further, **Section 8(1) and (2)** of the MSMER-2023, stipulate imposition of penalty(ies) on the medical college/institution, if they fail to comply with any statutory provisions.

5. WHEREAS the medical college has failed to comply with the requirements and has compromised with the quality of medical education. Considering the deficiency of faculty in the Department of Anatomy, which is not adequate to train the PG students studying in the medical college, the Post Graduate Medical Education Board has decided to grant approval for continuance of five seats of MD (Anatomy). Further, the annual intake capacity in the course of MD (Anatomy) will be reduced from the existing six seats to five seats for the Academic Year 2024-2025. This reduction of seats shall remain valid for the Academic Year 2024-2025. However, subsequent restoration of seats will be based on the assessment of the medical college/institution, as per the Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023 (MSMER-2023). Hence, the break-up of MD (Anatomy) seats in the medical college will be as indicated below:

Existing Seats			Approved Seats	
i.	Recognised seats	Three seats (1, 1 to 2 and 2 to 3)	Seats after Reduction	Five seats (5)
Ü.	Permitted seats	Three seat (3 to 5 and 5 to 6)		
	Total:	Six seats	Total:	Five seats

However, the students admitted by the medical college till the Academic Year 2023-2024 will not be affected by this reduction of seats and their post-graduate degrees will be considered recognised for the purpose of registration of the degree awarded by the University.

6. WHEREAS, the medical college is free to prefer an appeal before the National Medical Commission under Section 35(5) of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 and Section 9 of Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023, within sixty days from the date of issuance of this letter in accordance with NMC letter No.C.16013/36/2022/NMC/Coord dated 28.12.2022 and 28.08.2023, if they so desire, at the email id nmc_appeal@nmc.org.in.

(Dr Vijay Oza) President, PGMEB

Encl: AEBAS Report for the period 01.01.2024 to 22.03.2024.

To

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