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Minutes of the Admission Regulatory Committee held on 30th October 2013 under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) I.S. Israni

A meeting of the Admission Regulatory Committee was held on 30th October 2013 at 3.30 p.m. under the chairmanship of Justice (Retd.) I.S. Israni.

The following members of the Committee were present:

1. Sh. Pradeep Sen, Principal Secretary Medical Education
Member
Secretary
2. Dr. Dr. R. B. Panwar - VC RUHS
Member
3. Dr. Subhash Nepalia - Principal Medical College, Jaipur
Member
4. Dr. P. K. Gupta- Dean Medical College, Jhalawar
Member

The following agenda items were discussed and decisions taken as under:

[a] Confirmation of appointment of observers

With a view to ensure transparency in the counselling for undergraduate admission to the three private medical colleges, the Department had asked the Principals of Medical College, Jaipur and Udaipur to appoint observers to oversee the counselling process in these medical colleges, part of three independent Universities, viz., Mahatma Gandhi University, Jaipur; NIMS University, Jaipur; and Geetanjali University, Udaipur.

The Committee was of the view that the Department did have the powers to appoint observers to oversee the counselling in private medical colleges / Universities and, therefore, this need not have been brought before the Committee for confirmation. However, the Committee took note of such appointment of observers for record.

[b] Consideration of reports of observers

The reports submitted to the Principals / Department by the observers for the three private medical colleges / Universities were read out for information of the members. It was accepted by the Committee that the observations contained in the reports of the observers showed a lack of appreciation of the purpose of their appointment and did not help the Department in assessing

the fairness of the counselling process of the private medical colleges / Universities.

Given this, and the fact that these are independent Universities, the Committee was of the view that the Department should reconsider the decision of appointing observers for counselling for admission to UG courses conducted by medical colleges under private Universities.

[c] Complaints relating to UG admissions in private medical colleges / Universities

It was conveyed that one specific complaint was received from one Shri Pawan Goyal (father of a girl candidate for admission to M.B.,B.S. course against both the Geetanjali University and NIMS University where his daughter had wanted admission. The complaint alleged placing of dummy candidates with a view to favour certain specific candidates. The Committee was informed that the complainant never pursued the matter; nor did he provide anything in support of the complaint.

[d] Pre-PG competitive entrance test for PG seats in private / non-government institutions

Regarding admission to PG courses in private medical colleges / Universities, the Committee was informed that in earlier years (2011 and 2012) private medical universities held their own Pre-PG entrance examination or one conducted by the Society of Privates Universities. For 2013, too, the three private Universities held their own entrance examination for admission to PG seats.

The relevant provisions contained in Clause 9 of the Post Graduate Medical Education Regulation in force at present are as under:

[2] For determining the academic merit, the University / institution may adopt the following methodology

[a] on the basis of merit as determined by "Competitive Test" conducted by the State Government or by the competent authority appointed by the State Government or by the University / Group of Universities in the same State; or

[b] On the basis of merit as determined by centralized competitive test held at the national level; or

Provided further that in Non-Governmental institutions 50% of the total seats shall be filled by the Competent authority notified by the State Government and the remaining 50% by the management(s) of the institution on the basis of Inter se Academic Merit.

The private universities have held that under the MCI Regulations, they, as universities, can hold the 'competitive test' and have been doing so as they are also the "Competent authority" notified by the State Government as their respective University Acts have been enacted by the State Government.

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However, in view of the all-India Pre-PG competitive common entrance test in the form of NEET not being held this year (academic session 2013-14), a decision is required to be taken on who would hold the competitive entrance test for admission to PG seats in medical colleges under Universities.

The question placed before the Committee was whether the above position be allowed to continue for 2014 or the Department should insist upon the private Universities to give admission to 50% of the seats on the basis of entrance test conducted by the State Government or by the competent authority appointed by the State Government (which has been the RUHS). In other words, whether private universities are 'competent authorities' appointed by the State Government for conducting the Pre-PG entrance tests.

The Committee considered the matter in the light of the MCI's Post-Graduate Education Regulation, the fact these are independent Universities, and the practice of the past years. It was agreed that MCI Regulations allow private Universities to hold their own Pre-PG entrance examination for 50% of the PG seats in institutions run by them; the proviso in the MCI Regulation, quoted above, is for Non-Government institutions that are not universities.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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