

10 July 2012



**NIMA  
CENTRAL  
COUNCIL**

- \* THIS IS IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM REGARDING OUR STRIKE ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012.
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To

Date – 10 July 2012

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**Sub: Regarding Protest against lathicharge on ISM doctors at Lucknow on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2012**

NIMA is a National organization of institutionally qualified ISM Doctors established in 1948. NIMA represents more than 8 lakh ISM doctors all over INDIA, providing excellent & cost effective medical services in urban, rural and tribal areas. We are fighting for our legal rights in a peaceful manner since last 50 yrs. In democracy every person/organization has a right to raise their voice in a peaceful manner, similar peaceful agitation was arranged in lucknow by NIMA members on 2<sup>nd</sup> july2012. But a very unprecedented and shameful incidence happened, doctors were Lathicharged mercilessly by police. We strongly condemn the ruthless action by Uttarpradesh government which tried to crush this Gandhian movement of ISM doctors for their legal rights.

NIMA has called for nationwide '**Bandh**' of ISM doctors on **10<sup>th</sup> July 2012** to protest against this attack on the doctors. We take this opportunity to put before the health policy makers our long standing demands-

1. It is learnt that government of India has decided to go ahead with short term course in rural medicine called BRMS or BRHC or Bsc (community medicine). The reason to bring such courses is stated as there is scarcity of doctors in the rural areas. The evidence given is the doctor patient ratio in India is **1:1700**. But during calculation of the ratio a gross mistake is committed that the doctors of the Indian system of medicine (ayurvedic, unani, siddha) who are practicing in the rural and tribal areas are not at all considered. If the doctors of Indian system of medicine are taken into account the ratio becomes **1:700** which is nearer to WHO ratio (**1:400**). But there are legal obstacles of practice of modern scientific system of medicine by ISM doctors in some states. If the obstacles are removed then this institutionally qualified workforce can be used to serve the people of India in more effective manner & achieve the goal "Health for All".

The ISM doctors are equally qualified and trained as the allopathic doctors. The basic education needed is similar for both these courses. Similarly there post graduate education is available in the field of ISM. The post graduate doctors of ISM are also providing health care services especially in the field of gynecology and obstetrics and ophthalmology where government of India is really in need of doctors.

**2. There should be no ambiguity in the expression of registered medical practitioner in different central and state acts as our practitioners are registered under Indian medicine central council act, 1970 .**

**3. There is discrepancy in state laws for the use of modern medicine. Attempts should be made to bring uniformity in the laws governing the practice of modern medicine by ISM doctors in various states.**

4. In **Clinical Establishment Act** there must be proper representation of the ISM doctors in central as well as state committees.

5. In NRHM ISM doctors are paid less despite of working at par with MBBS doctors.

6. Out of the health budget very small amount is reserved to the expenditure of ISM hence there should be more provision.

7. The Integrated treatment given by ISM doctors should be honored by the government as well as nongovernment insurance agencies.

Presently there is a huge ASU manpower (more than 8 lakhs) in the country. The people in the villages and slums are totally dependent upon these doctors. Legal empowerment of these doctors will be a big boon for the national health care system. Hence government should take urgent steps to solve these long standing demands otherwise there is no alternative than going for an indefinite strike in future.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely,

President

Secretary

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