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ORDER

Subject: First Appeal filed by LNCT Medical College & Sewakunj Hospital, Indore, challenging the decision dated 14.07.2025 of UGMEB.

This is with reference to the first appeal dated 19.08.2025 filed by LNCT Medical College & Sewakunj Hospital, Indore (hereinafter referred to as "The Medical College") under Section 9 of MSMER 2023, challenging the decision dated 14.07.2025 of the UGMEB, whereby deficiencies were observed during the assessment of the Annual Declaration Form submitted by the Medical College for the grant of annual renewal of MBBS seats for the Academic Year (AY) 2025-26. Consequently, the UGMEB, vide the impugned order dated 14.07.2025, reduced the sanctioned intake of the Medical College from 150 MBBS seats to 100 MBBS seats and accordingly granted a conditional renewal for only 100 MBBS seats for AY 2025-26.

2. The Medical Colleges/Institutions are obligated under Regulation 4 of the MSMER, 2023 (notified on 19.09.2023) to furnish an Annual Disclosure Report and it shall be the duty of Medical College/Institution or the concerned agency/agencies exercising control over such Medical College/Institution to furnish the information (including additional information) to the concerned Board in the prescribed mode.

3. Whereas the UGMEB, through its Public Notice dated 01.11.2024 (uploaded on NMC's website on 06.11.2024), directed all Medical Colleges/Institutions to fill the details/data of respective institutions on the NMC Portal for Annual Declaration as required in the NMC Act, 2019 and various Regulations issued by NMC from time to time. Further, the Medical Colleges/Institutions were intimated that the submission of the duly completed Annual Declaration Form of each College on the NMC Portal is mandatory for annual renewal of permission of UG-MBBS seats, failing which no seat shall be permitted in case of annual declaration not submitted within the specified time period. Furthermore, the Medical Colleges/Institutions were also informed about the incorporation of certain mandatory additional information in the Annual Declaration Portal for the AY 2025-26. Subsequently, vide Public Notice

dated 24.04.2025, it was also directed to furnish the additional information relating to the number of Minor and Major OTs and the details of cadavers.

4. Whereas the details were submitted by the Medical College for assessment of the Annual Declaration Form for the grant of annual renewal of MBBS seats for the Academic Year (AY) 2025-26. The details submitted by the Medical College were assessed by the experts evaluating the Annual Declaration Form, and several deficiencies were observed.

5. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice dated 15.05.2025 was issued to the Medical College, outlining the observed deficiencies and directing the Medical College to submit the written clarification on each deficiency observed by the experts, within seven days. The identified deficiencies are detailed below:

- (i) All the departments are deficient in faculty/Resident/tutor as per AEBAS record data.
- (ii) As per declaration form submitted by college following deficiencies in faculty exists:-
 - Deficiency in Professor-** Biochemistry, FMT, General Surgery, Microbiology, Radio diagnosis.
 - Deficiency in Associate Professor-** Anatomy, Anesthesiology, Dermatology, FMT, General Surgery, Microbiology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, ENT, Pediatrics, Pathology, Pharmacology, Radio-Diagnosis.
 - Deficiency in Assistant Professor-** Anatomy, Anesthesia, Community Medicine, Dentistry, General Medicine, General Surgery, Microbiology, ENT, Pharmacology.
- (iii) Deficiency in Tutor/Demonstrator and SR are as below:-
 - Tutor/Demonstrator-** Biochemistry, Community Medicine, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology
 - SR-** Anatomy, Anesthesiology, Biochemistry, Community Medicine, Dentistry, FMT, General Medicine, General Surgery, Microbiology, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology, Psychiatry, Radio-Diagnosis.
- (iv) Bed occupancy slightly low 76.24%
- (v) All 20 Cadavers are registered at the same time & date.
- (vi) Extremely low death data.

6. Subsequently, the compliance report submitted by the Medical College was also evaluated by the Assessors; however, amongst other deficiencies, the following key deficiencies were again highlighted:

- (i) Departments are still deficient in faculty/Resident/tutor as per AEBAS record data, however your explanation has been accepted therefore, the college may adhere to the deficiencies found in the AEBAS.

- (ii) The response to this deficiency also not sufficient. Deficiencies still persist in the college as per self-declaration form.
- (iii) Deficiency in Tutor/Demonstrator and SR is still present.
- (iv) Bed occupancy is still inadequate.
- (v) It is claimed that previous management was not competent to fill data. However, corrected data has not been shared.
- (vi) Death rate is still low.

7. Further, it was also observed that during the renewal process for the previous AY 2024-25, a penalty was imposed and conditional renewal was granted in view of the substantive nature of deficiencies observed in the Medical College.

8. An opportunity of hearing was also provided to the Medical College on 20.06.2025 by the UGMEB. The UGMEB observed gross and substantive deficiencies in both faculty and clinical parameters in the Medical College, and the clarifications furnished by the institution were not found convincing and satisfactory. The college also accepted the deficiencies and assured to fulfil the same within a very short span of time.

9. The UGMEB, vide order dated 14.07.2025 (*impugned order*), observed that despite prior intimation and sufficient opportunity for rectification, the Medical College has persistently failed to address the deficiencies identified during assessment, and has not met the stipulated minimum standards prescribed under the UG-MSR-2023. Further, it has been observed that the continued non-compliance, in violation of Chapter III, Clause 8 of MSMER-2023 (Penalties), constitutes a serious lapse in upholding essential academic and infrastructural requirements. After due deliberation, the Board has decided to reduce 50 MBBS seats from 150 MBBS seats to 100 seats. Accordingly, a conditional renewal of only 100 MBBS seats was granted for AY 2025-26. Further, it was also mentioned that the decision has been taken in the larger interest of safeguarding the quality of medical education and ensuring adherence to the prescribed statutory framework.

10. Being aggrieved by the aforesaid impugned order/decision dated 14.07.2025, the Medical College has filed the instant 1st Appeal dated 19.08.2025 under Section 9 of MSMER 2023, inter alia, praying for quashing of the impugned order dated 14.07.2025 and restoration of MBBS UG seats from 100 to 150 seats for AY 2025-26. The Appellant Medical College has inter alia submitted the following contentions for consideration in its Appeal:

- (i) That, the Appellant College/Institution has adequate faculty and residents as per National Medical Commission norms, and at present,

they all are doing Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) regularly.

- (ii) That the Appellant College/Institution fulfil the criteria of Maintenance of Standards of Medical Education Regulations, 2023, UG (MSMER, 2023).
- (iii) That, the Appellant College/Institution rectified all the deficiencies pointed out in show cause notice issued on 15.05.2025 as well Personal hearing conducted on 20.06.2025, the Appellant College/Institution submitted details of faculty members (department and date of Joining wise) faculty chart (Requirement, availability and deficiencies) as per 150 UG MBBS course as on date, and bed occupancy statistic (82.43%) till 25.06.2025.

11. In this regard, the instant 1st Appeal has been admitted, and the Appeal Committee, constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth, Chairman, NMC and two Members (Nominated), met on 29.08.2025 to consider the said Appeal filed by the Medical College. The following Appeal Committee members were present during the meeting:

- a. Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth, Chairman, NMC- **Chairman**
- b. Dr. D. K. Sharma, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Rajender Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi - **Member (Nominated)**
- c. Prof. (Dr.) Gangadhar Taduri, Department of Nephrology, Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, Telangana- **Member (Nominated)**
- d. Dr. Raghav Langer, Secretary, NMC.- **Convener** of Appeal Committee.

Hearing of the 1st Appeal and observations of the Appeal Committee:

12. The Appeal Committee has given a virtual hearing to the Medical College on 29.08.2025, represented by the Dean/Principal/Vice-Principal/HoD. The Medical College has made its submissions before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee has observed that the Medical College submitted its details for assessment of the Annual Declaration Form and grant of Renewal of 150 Undergraduate Seats (MBBS) for the year 2025-26. The details submitted by the Medical College were assessed by the experts evaluating the Annual Declaration Form as per UG-MSR-2023 and MSMER-2023, video recording of examination and AEBAS Report of faculty attendance of the last one year and observed various deficiencies as per the required minimum standards stipulated under UG-MSR 2023. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice dated 15.05.2025 was issued to the Medical College providing an opportunity to submit written clarification on the outlined deficiencies within seven days, and even after considering the compliance report submitted by the Medical College,

the Board found gross deficiencies in the Medical College. Hence, the Board vide order dated 14.07.2025 found the Medical College eligible for 100 seats only instead of the 150 applied for and reduced 50 MBBS seats for AY 2025-26.

13. The deficiencies outlined in the aforesaid order dated 14.07.2025 are observed as substantive deficiencies under the NMC Act, 2019 and the Regulations made thereunder. The Minimum Standards Requirements (UG-MSR) prescribed by the NMC are fundamental to ensuring the quality and integrity of medical education in India. These standards are not merely procedural formalities but are essential benchmarks designed to uphold the excellence of medical training and to produce competent healthcare professionals. Any deviation or non-compliance with the prescribed MSRs undermines the core objective of the NMC to maintain and promote high standards of medical education and public health. Therefore, such deficiencies cannot be overlooked or condoned.

14. The College has submitted that it has adequate faculty and residents as per National Medical Commission norms and at present they all are doing Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS) regularly; that the College fulfills the criteria of UG-MSMER-2023; and that it has rectified all the deficiencies pointed out in the Show Cause Notice issued on 15.05.2025 as well as in the personal hearing conducted on 20.06.2025. It has further been submitted that details of faculty members (department and date of joining-wise), faculty chart (requirement, availability and deficiencies) as per the 150 UG MBBS course as on date, and bed occupancy statistics (82.43% till 25.06.2025) were duly provided.

15. During the hearing held on 28.08.2025, the Medical College has submitted that earlier there was an issue with AEBAS machines; however, the same has been rectified, and presently, above 90% faculty are marking attendance on AEBAS. The Medical College has also submitted that it maintains adequate OPDs, bed occupancy, and both Major and Minor OTs in accordance with the prescribed norms for an intake of 100 MBBS seats, thereby meeting the faculty and clinical requirements under the regulations.

Decision of the Appeal Committee:

16. The Appeal Committee has duly considered the First Appeal filed by the Medical College, along with the submissions made and material evidence during the hearing held on 29.08.2025 and the AEBAS (Attendance) Report for the relevant period. The Committee has duly noted the improvements reflected in faculty strength and clinical facilities. Upon an overall consideration of the

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material placed before it, the Committee finds that the submissions made by the Appellant Medical College are convincing and satisfactory. The Medical College has demonstrated substantial compliance with the prescribed faculty and clinical requirements under UG-MSR-2023 and MSMER-2023. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee is of the considered view that the Medical College deserves to be allowed its full intake. Consequently, the order dated 14.07.2025 of the UGMEB reducing the intake stands modified, and a renewal of 150 MBBS seats is hereby granted to the Medical College for the Academic Year 2025-26.

17. Further, the Medical College is hereby directed to ensure strict and continuous compliance with the provisions of UG-MSR-2023 and MSMER-2023 for future annual renewals.

18. Accordingly, the 1st Appeal filed by the Medical College stands disposed of.

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Committee)

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Sd/-
Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth,
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