No. U.12012/18/94-ME(P)
Govt. of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Pro-Chancellor,
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Sub: Establishment of a new medical college at Gangtok by Sikkim-Manipur University of Health, Medical and Technological Sciences, Gangtok—Permission regarding.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 17.9.2001 and with reference to your letter No. S.M.U./2001-5.58 dated 20.8.2001 on the above mentioned subject, I am directed to convey the approval of the Central Govt. to the establishment of a new medical college at Gangtok by Sikkim-Manipur University of Health, Medical and Technological Sciences, Gangtok with an annual intake of 100 (one hundred) students with prospective effect i.e. from the academic year 2001-2002 under Section 10(A) of IMC Act, 1956 as amended.

This permission of the Central Government for establishment of the college and admission of students is initially for a period of one year. It will be renewed on yearly basis on verification of achievement of annual targets set out in the project report. This process of annual renewal of permission will continue till such time the establishment of medical college and expansion of hospital facilities are completed as per norms of Medical Council of India. The college shall not admit more than one batch of students against this letter of permission. The college shall also apply to Medical Council of India for renewal of permission well before commencement of next academic session. While applying for such renewal, the achievement in terms of infrastructure, staff and equipment as spelt out in the time bound action plan and as required by Medical Council of India norms, must be clearly indicated. The next batch of students shall not be admitted unless renewal of permission is granted by the Central Government.

Yours faithfully,

(S.K. Rao)
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Kind Attn: Shri S.K. Rand, Director (ME).

Subject: Starting of new medical college at Gangtok by Sikkim Manipal University of Health, Medical and Technological Sciences u/s 10A of the IMC Act, 1956.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. U.12012/18/94-ME(P), dated 16.03.2001 and subsequent letter of even No. dated 26th March/4th April, 2001 forwarding therewith a compliance report received from Sikkim Manipal University of Health, Medical and Technological Sciences, Gangtok for verification and sending the recommendations of the Council to the Ministry.

This is to inform you that an inspection to verify the compliance received from the college authorities was carried out by the Council Inspectors on 12th June,2001 and the compliance verification report was considered by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on 2nd August,2001. The decision of the Executive Committee is recorded as under for your information and necessary action:-

"The Executive Committee noted that as per its earlier decision taken on 22.1.2001 which was communicated to the Central Govt. by the office on 24.1.2001; the Central Govt. vide its letter dated 1st March,2001 had issued LOI for starting of Medical College at Gangtok with an annual intake of 50 students for the academic year 2000-2001.

The Committee further noted a letter dated 16th March,2001 received from the Central Govt. wherein the NCI was requested to review the recommendations of the Executive Committee in view of the fact that less number of seats were being allowed mainly on the ground that as per the guidelines nearly 600 patients per day are required to attend OPD at inception level and finally 1700 patients per day for 150 admissions. As the state of Sikkim is sparsely populated having population of 5 lakhs it may not be realistic to have such a high attendance in such a sparsely populated State. It was decided that for emotional reason of the State such a high attendance should not be insisted, considering the population of the State."
The Committee considered the facts stated in the letter of the Central Govt. along with the compliance verification inspection report (12th June, 2001) carried out on receipt of the compliance through the Central Govt. vide letter dated 04.04.2001 in continuation to their letter dated 16.03.2001, and noted that certain improvements have been made at the college since the last inspection.

The Executive Committee further noted that the department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Sikkim has permitted Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok to utilise the facilities of STNM Hospital and other peripheral hospitals in East District for the purposes of clinical material for teaching with total administrative control of beds and patients for a period of three years. This hospital is 7 kms. away from the site of the college complex. In light of the geographical placement and Sikkim being hilly area the attachment of this hospital was accepted, however, the management of the college should take the responsibility of improving the infrastructural facilities in the said hospital in order to comply to make it at par with a teaching hospital.

The Committee taking into consideration the infrastructural and other facilities and also that there is no medical college in the State which is sparsely populated and situated in the north east hilly area, decided to recommend to the Central Govt. to issue letter of permission for starting of medical college at Gangtok by Sikkim Manipal University of Health, Medical and Technological Sciences, Gangtok for 100 (one hundred) admissions viz. 10A of the I.M.C. Act, 1956 instead of 150 as requested by the applicant and forwarded by the Central Govt.

A copy of the compliance verification inspection report (June, 2001) is enclosed herewith.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. M. Sachdeva)
Secretary,