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National Medical Commission  
स्नातकोत्तर आयुर्विज्ञान शिक्षा बोर्ड  
Post Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB)

No.35/438(401)/2022-PGMEB / 014 630 - 685

Date: 5/4/24

ORDER

The Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka vide its Letter No.RGU/Admn/NMC/03/2020-21 dated 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 had applied for **renewal of recognition of one seat of DM (Cardiology)** qualification in respect of students being trained at the **S.S. Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Davangere**, having an annual intake capacity of **three seats** in the said course.

2. WHEREAS, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) got the assessment of the **S. S. Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, Davangere** done on **05.06.2023** 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:

- i. As per Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), no faculty was available in the Department. Only three Senior Residents were available in the Department; and
- ii. Inadequate OP Clinical workload in the Department.

3. WHEREAS, the deficiencies stated in **para 2 above** were pointed out to the said medical college vide PGMEB Letter No.35/438(401)/2022-PGMEB/046695 dated 08<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and the medical college was given an opportunity to submit a written explanation in respect of the deficiencies. The said medical college furnished the reply vide Letter No.SSIMSRC/MCI/892/2023-24/628 dated 02<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023. The Compliance Verification Report furnished by the said medical college was placed before the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board. The Board found that the OP clinical workload in the **Department of Cardiology** is low and is not adequate for the annual intake of three post-graduate seats (nine 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). 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.

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5. WHEREAS the medical college has failed to comply with the requirements and has compromised with the quality of medical education. Considering the low OP clinical workload in the Department of Cardiology, 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 two seats of DM (Cardiology). Further, the annual intake capacity in the course of DM (Cardiology) will be reduced from the existing three seats to two 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 DM (Cardiology) seats in the medical college will be as indicated below:

Existing Seats			Approved Seats	
i	Recognised seats	One seat (1)	Seats after Reduction	Two seats (2)
ii	Permitted seats	Two seats (1 to 3)		
Total:		Three seats	Total:	Two 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](mailto:nmc_appeal@nmc.org.in).

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( Dr Vijay Oza )  
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2. The Director Medical Education & Research, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
3. The Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, 4th T Block East, Pattabhirama Nagar, Jayanagar, Karnataka 560041, Bengaluru.
4. President, MARB.
5. Secretary, NMC.