

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

No.35/452(166)/2022-PGMEB

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Date: 29/2/24

ORDER

Sree Gokulam Medical College & Research Foundation, Thiruvananthapuram, affiliated to the Kerala University of Health Sciences, Thrissur *vide* its letter No.SGMCRF/C1/PG/RECOGNITION RENEWAL/2020 dated 15th June, 2022 had applied for **renewal of recognition of two (2) seats of MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology)** qualification in respect of students being trained at the medical college, having an annual intake capacity of **six seats** in the said course.

2. WHEREAS, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB) got the assessment of the **Sree Gokulam Medical College & Research Foundation, Trivandrum** done on **5th June, 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 deficiency:

i. The number of deliveries was inadequate for the six Post Graduate seats.

3. WHEREAS, the deficiency stated in **para 2 above** was pointed out to the said medical college *vide* PGMEB Letter No.35/452(166)/2022-PGMEB/052165 dated 26th September, 2023 and the medical college was given an opportunity to submit a written explanation in respect of the deficiency. The said medical college furnished the reply *vide* Letter No.SGMCRF/C1/PG/RECOGNITION RENEWAL/2020 dated 18th October, 2023. The Compliance Verification Report, furnished by the said medical college, was placed before the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board. The Board noted that the deliveries in the Department were inadequate for the annual intake of **six post-graduate seats** (eighteen PG 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.

5. WHEREAS the medical college has failed to comply with the requirements and has compromised with the quality of medical education. **Considering the low deliveries (37 per week against requirement of 55/week) in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, which is not adequate for training the PG students**

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studying in the medical college, the Post-Graduate Medical Education Board has decided to grant approval for continuance of four seats of MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology). Further, the annual intake capacity in the course of MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) will be reduced from the existing six seats to four 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 MS (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) seats in the medical college will be as indicated below:

Existing Seats			Approved Seats	
i.	Recognised seats	Two seats (2)	Seats after Reduction	Four seats
ii.	Permitted seats	Four seats (2 to 6)		
Total:		Six seats	Total:	Four 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.

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29/12/24
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President, PGMEB

To

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1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Director Medical Education & Research, Government of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
3. The Registrar, Kerala University of Health Sciences, Medical College, Kerala 680596, Thiruvananthapuram.
4. President, MARB.
5. Director (Coord), NMC.