Minutes of the meeting held on 08.05.2018 at 5.00 pm in the chamber of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) to discuss the subject of implementation of the Hon’ble Supreme Court and Madras High Courts order’ on collection of interim fees by the Deemed to be Universities for PG Courses and admission of students to Post Graduate courses for the academic year 2018-19.

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PRESENT:
1. Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health),
2. Coordinator (Admission), CENTAC
3. Deputy Secretary (Health)
4. Director (Health)

Representatives from Deemed Universities and Medical Colleges
5. Chairman, Sri ManakulaVinayagar Medical College & Hospital, Puducherry.
6. The Dean, AarupadaiVeedu Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry.
7. Registrar, Vinayaka Mission Medical College and Hospital, Karaikal.
8. Director, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences, Puducherry.
9. General Manager, Sri Venkateshwara Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Puducherry.
10. G.M (Admin), Representative of Mahatama Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry and
11. Legal Officer & Head (HR), Representative of Mahatama Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, Puducherry

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The Secretary to Govt. (Health) welcomed all those present and informed that the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 16.04.2018 in Special Leave Appeal (C) No.19315 of 2017 has ordered that the temporary fee of Rs.10.00 lakh per annum to be collected from the students provisionally selected for admission to Post Graduate courses in Deemed to be Universities, as ordered by Hon’ble High Court of Madras in its order dated 16.06.2017 in W.P. No.14232 of 2017 will hold good till such time the High Court decides the matter. The Secretary (Health) therefore, strictly instructed all the Colleges under Deemed to be Universities to duly comply with the above orders of the Supreme Court and High Court by collecting Rs.10.00 lakhs only as fees per annum from the PG students.

2. The representative of the Mahatma Gandhi Medical College stated that, the above order of the Hon’ble High Court will be applicable only to the students admitted to PG courses between 16.06.2017 to 19.06.2017 and for the academic year 2017-18 only. The Secretary (Health) made it very clear to the Deemed Universities that the order of the Hon’ble High Court does not restrict the benefit of temporary fee structure of Rs.10.00 lakh to
students admitted to the colleges between particular periods or for a particular academic year and all the students who were admitted in Deemed to be Universities during the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 are eligible for the fee structure of Rs. 10 lakh per annum, till the High Court decides the matter.

3. The Secretary (Health) therefore, firmly directed all the Deemed to be Universities to duly comply with the above orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court/Hon’ble High Court of Madras to avoid contempt proceedings.

4. The Secretary (Health) further informed that, 28 numbers of students who were denied admission for Post Graduate courses during the last academic year (2017-18) have filed Writ Petition No.31921 of 2017 in the Hon’ble High Court of Madras, seeking a direction to keep 28 numbers of seats vacant in Post Graduate Medical seats in the respective discipline in the common counseling for the academic year 2018-19 and to give admission to them in the above vacancies. The Hon’ble High Court vide order dated 28.04.2018, vide WMP No.3811 of 2018 in WP No.31921 of 2017 has ordered that, after mop-up counseling for the present academic year 2018-19, if there are any vacancies available, students numbering 28, who are the petitioners in the above miscellaneous petition shall be considered to be accommodated in the respective Colleges in the same Department, subject to the availability of seats that may be surrendered by CENTAC or Director General of Health Services (DGHS), New Delhi.

5. The Secretary (Health) has therefore requested all the Medical Colleges to take note of the above order of the Hon’ble High Court of Madras for strict compliance. CENTAC will also take necessary action and prepare the 1:10 list in compliance with the order of Hon’ble High Court

6. Regarding the issues relating to admission of students in Post Graduate courses in the three private Medical Colleges, Secretary (Health) informed that CENTAC has completed the 2nd round of counseling for admission of students to the various Post Graduate Courses for the academic year 2018-19, and the last date of joining by the candidates is fixed as 10.05.2018. The Secretary has therefore instructed all the Medical Colleges to admit the students duly sponsored by the CENTAC and who have deposited the notified fees in the CENTAC account without subjecting the students to any harassment. No other fee other than the fee permitted to be collected by the Government of Puducherry in its G.O. Ms. No. 8 dated 22.03.2018 shall be demanded / collected from the provisionally admitted students.
7. Secretary (Health) has further informed that, many students have given written complaint that the Institutes are demanding exorbitant fees ranging between Rs. 3.7 to 9 lakh towards hostel fees/and other fees which is not permissible and against the order of the Fee Committee and Government of Puducherry. The Secretary (Health) warned the Institutes to duly comply with the Fee Committee order communicated in G.O. Ms. No. 8, dated 22.03.2018 issued by the Government of Puducherry, to avoid penal action by the appropriate authorities and Government of Puducherry.

8. The private Medical Colleges were informed that on the day of mop-up counseling, all the 3 Colleges shall have to set up admission desks in the CENTAC office premises, so as to enable the selected candidates to get on the spot and hassle-free admission.

9. The summary of the decisions / action points are as follows:

a) All the Deemed to be Universities shall duly comply with the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court / Hon’ble High Court of Madras and accordingly collect only the interim fee of Rs.10.00 lakh from the students admitted to PG courses, till the High Court decides the matter, in order to avoid contempt proceedings.(Refer Paragraph 1 to 3 above)

b) CENTAC, Deemed Universities and private Medical Colleges to take necessary action for compliance of the Hon’ble High Court’s order dated 28.04.2018 for accommodating 28 students of last year, subject to the availability of seats that may be surrendered by CENTAC or Director General of Health Services (DGHS), New Delhi.CENTAC to prepare the 1:10 list in compliance with the order of Hon’ble High Court (Refer paragraph 5 & 6 above)

c) All the 3 private Medical Colleges to admit the students duly sponsored by the CENTAC and who have deposited the notified fees in the CENTAC account without subjecting the students to any inconvenience. No other fee other than the fee permitted to be collected by the Government of Puducherry in its G.O. Ms. No. 8 dated 22.03.2018 shall be demanded / collected from the provisionally admitted students, by the colleges to avoid penal action by the appropriate authorities and Government of Puducherry. (Refer paragraph 6 and 7 above)
d) All the 3 private Medical Colleges to set up admission desks in the CENTAC office premises on the day of mop-up counseling, so as to enable the selected candidates to get on-the-spot and hassle-free admission.

10. The Secretary (Health) thanked all the representatives of the Medical Colleges for having attended the meeting and again emphasized the Medical Colleges to duly comply with the direction of the Hon’ble Supreme Court/Hon’ble High Court/Government of Puducherry and to desist from exhibiting recalcitrant and confrontational attitude, in the larger public interest and in the interest of the student community.

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| The Chairman, Pondicherry Institute of Medical Sciences. | Dr. Penu C. Boy Varghese  
Director - Principal |
| The Chairman, Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College & Hospital. | M. Dhanasekaran  
Chairman |
| The Chairman, Sri Venkateshwaraa Medical College & Hospital. | A. Sowdathiraj  
Cr. M. S. V. M. C.A.H. |
| The Chairman, Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Research Institute. | G. M. Admin  
Legal Officer & Head |
| The Chairman, Vinayaga Mission's Medical College & Hospital. | D. Pounieng Selvan  
Joint Registrar |
| The Dean, Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Sciences. | Absent |
| The Chairman, Aarupadai Veedu Medical College & Hospital. | Dr. R. Mahara |