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New Delhi – 110001

Dated the 9th September, 2017

APPEAL BEFORE SMT. INDIRA SHARMA, FIRST APPELLATE AUTHORITY AND DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESEARCH, UNDER RTI ACT, 2005.

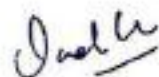
This is an appeal, bearing registration No. DOHRE/A/2017/60008 dated 23/08/2017 of Shri G. Kamalahassan, 10, 6th Cross St., Phase – I, Indira Nagar, Sathuvachari, Vellore – 632009, received online by the undersigned on 23/08/2017 on the ground that incomplete, misleading or false information has been provided to the applicant in respect of his RTI application bearing registration No. DOHRE/R/2017/80139 dated 01/08/2017. In the above appeal, the applicant has requested for information on the points as follows:

- i) Those who are practicing with BEMS are consider as QUACKS.
- ii) Those who are practicing with BEMS are consider as DOCTORS.

2. As per the records available, the applicant's above referred RTI application was replied to providing the information against item No. 1 & 2 that Bachelor of Electrohomeopathy medical system is not recognised/approved by this Department and against point No. 3, inter-alia, that the use of the word Dr. before their names by practitioners in this unrecognized system of medicine, i.e., electropathy [also called electrohomoeopathy], is not allowed. From the above, point No. 2 of the applicant's appeal stands replied. As regards point No. 1, i.e., "Those who are practicing with BEMS are considered as QUACKS", it is clarified that no such information/document is available on record.

3. The appeal of Shri G. Kamalahassan bearing registration No. DOHRE/A/2017/60008 dated 23/08/2017, accordingly, stands disposed of.

4. In case the applicant is not satisfied with the same, he may prefer appeal to the Central Information Commission.



(Indira Sharma)

First Appellate Authority & Deputy Secretary,
Tel. No. 23736087

To,

Shri G. Kamalahassan,
10, 6th Cross St., Phase – I,
Indira Nagar, Sathuvachari,
Vellore – 632009,
Tamilnadu.

No. I-11012/4/2017-HR/office - 3114113
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Department of Health Research)

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Dated the 14 August, 2017

To,

✓ Shri G. Kamalahassan,
10, 6th Cross St, Phase - I,
Indira Nagar, Sathuvachari,
Vellore - 632009,
Tamilnadu.

Subject: Information sought under RTI Act, 2005 - reg.

Sir,

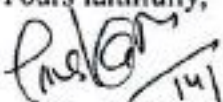
Please refer to your online RTI application dated 01/08/2017 which was received in this Department on 03/08/2017. The point-wise information in the matter is as follows:-

Sl. No.	Point	Reply
1.	Is BEMS (Bachelor of Electrohomeopathy medical System) a recognised degree approved by the Government of India.	The BEMS (Bachelor of Electrohomeopathy medical System) is not recognised/approved by this Department.
2.	Those who conducting BEMS degree courses in the institutions are approved to conduct this course by the Govt of India.	
3.	Some institutions conducting BEMS course are advertising publicly that these BEMS degree holders can use (Dr.) as a prefix, can they use (Dr.) as a prefix.	As on date this Ministry has not recognised electropathy as a system of medicine. Hence, the use of the word 'Dr.' before their names by practitioners in this unrecognised system of medicine, i.e., electropathy, is not allowed.
4.	Is BEMS degree holders are eligible to practice any Indian system of medicine/homeopathy system of medicine/Modern scientific medicine/any other system of medicine.	In view of the information at point (1) to (3) above, the practice will not be legal.

5.	Is Government of India given any permission to conduct BEMS degree courses at any university/board/council/colleges/institutions in any part of Indian states and union territories.	This Ministry has advised the States/UTs to ensure that Institutions under them do not grant any degree/diploma in the stream of medicine which has not been recognised, and that the term 'Doctor' is used by practitioners of recognized system of medicine.
6.	Some institutions are advertising as the eligibility to join BEMS course is just having secondary schooling either pass/fail is enough, whether any privileges given to this course.	
7.	Those who having BEMS degree are consider as doctors or quacks, whether they are consider as quacks is Government of India taken any steps to eradicate them and the institutions conducting this course, if yes, please provide me the certified copies of the steps taken.	The position indicated against point No. 5 may be referred to. Further, in the absence of any statutory power/law to that effect, Govt is not in a position to stop anybody from practicing in electropathy in spite of the system not having been recognised by the Government. On the other hand, Government may also not permit, if approached, any practice in electropathy as it is not recognised by it. Incidentally, it is informed that for consideration of the proposals for recognition of any unrecognised system of medicine, this Department has invited proposals for consideration by the Inter-Departmental Committee set up by this Department. The details may be seen on the website of this Department.

2. If you are not satisfied with the reply, you can make an appeal within 30 days under Right to Information Act, 2005 to the Appellate Authority, Smt. Indira Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, 2nd Floor, IRCS Building, Red Cross Road, New Delhi - 110001.

Yours faithfully,


(Om Prakash)

CPIO & Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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