Stakeholders Consultation

ON DRAFT NATIONAL DENTAL COMMISSION BILL 2020

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BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has invited comments from public on the Draft National Dental Commission Bill, which proposes to set up a National Dental Commission through repealing the existing Dentist Act, 1948. In this context, Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), a not-for-profit organization, held a Stakeholders' Consultation meeting on February 27, 2020 to solicit stakeholders' views and comments on the proposed Draft Bill at Karnataka State Higher Education Council, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru. The Report being submitted herein is the outcome of the said Stakeholders Consultation. The Report captures the views/comments/feedback of the participating stakeholders as well proposes a set of Recommendations for kind consideration of the Government of India.

ABOUT CESS

Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS) was initiated as a Project of Vidyarthi Shikshana Seva (VSS) Trust in 2006. Considering its commendable activities in the sphere of education, the project was handed over to Centre for Leadership in Management in Public Services (C-LAMPS), a registered trust, in 2018. C-LAMPS then renamed itself as CESS. Now CESS operates as a full-fledged not-for-profit organization under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act 1960. CESS's vision is "**Social Transformation through and with Education**" by engaging in and strengthening Research, Policy Advocacy and

Capacity Building in the areas of Education, Public Health, Public Services and India Studies[1].

STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION

As a part of its Policy Advocacy, CESS organized a Stakeholders Consultation on February 27, 2020 at the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC), Bengaluru. Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Government of Karnataka, Dr. M.C. Sudhakar, Former MLA and Former Member of Dental Council of India and other eminent academicians, dental professionals, heads of the Dental Colleges, former Vice-Chancellor of RGUHS, Members of Senate and Syndicate of RGUHS, President and Members of Karnataka State Dental Council, Former President of the Dental Council of India, Former Vice-President of DCI, and Former Members of DCI are among the stakeholders who participated in the deliberation. Over 40 stakeholders debated and deliberated on the Draft Bill.

Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Government of Karnataka joined the deliberations. He welcomed the NDC Draft Bill and appreciated the efforts of the Union Health Minister in the direction. He noted that

[1] Please visit https://cessedu.org/ for more information about CESS.

the need for a new system is emerging and whatever suggestions is being made herein will be submitted to the Ministry for consideration to improve the dental education and the health needs of the general public.

Many of the Stakeholders welcomed the NDC Bill 2020 and appreciated it as a very pragmatic and much needed policy intervention to enhance the quality of Dental Education as well as the Dental healthcare delivery system of the country. In particular, features like bringing education into the mainstream, creation of four autonomous boards, advisory council to NDC, representation to states in NDC, nomination of eminent persons from other disciplines etc. were wholeheartedly welcomed in the meeting. At the same time, they suggested/recommended few changes in the provisions of the proposed bill. They are given below.

The Consultation meeting was Presided over by Prof. M.K. Sridhar, President, CESS. and was Chaired by Dr. K.S. Nagesh, Former Member, DCI.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the stakeholders' views, the following recommendations are submitted for the kind consideration:

Bill Section	Suggested Changes with sub-section reference
Preamble	Following key words may be added: • Oral health, evidence-based research, dental manpower and globalization, assessment of oral health needs of the population.
Chapter I-Preliminary	2 • The following additional Autonomous Boards proposed- e) Paradental Board (for Dental Auxiliaries like Dental Mechanic, Dental Hygienist etc., • Change name of Assessment and ranking board as 'Accreditation and Assessment Board' f) Board for Quality Assessment of Dental Equipment and materials; 2K V-Knowledge and management related to performance of mastication, phonation, deglutition and Stomatognathic system VI- Clause including taking tissues from other parts of the body like chest, leg, abdomen, skull etc., VII-Clause " giving opinion as forensic expert;
Chapter II-The National Dental Commission	4 c) Explanation-the term leader means faculty with 15 years of teaching experience (UG/PG) for respective Boards;

Chapter III- The Dental Advisory Council	11. (1) Provision for recognized National Specialty Associations President as an invitee for a maximum period 1 year be provided 11. 2 (c) • If, the Vice-Chancellor is not a Dentist, a person of eminence from the field of Dental Education, (with credentials equivalent to the post of Vice-Chancellor) should be considered for nomination.;
Chapter IV-National Examination	15. (1) To add: • after completion of internship; 15. (4) To add: • any foreign dental qualification from a recognized dental institution by appropriate bodies;
Chapter V-Autonomous Boards	16. (1) b) Post-Graduation/Ph.D. Dental Education/ Super Specialty Board; c) Assessment and Accreditation of Dental Education Board d) In Ethics and Dental Registration Board, representation of practicing dentist be made; 17. (3) • Leader means a person with recognized Post-Graduate with a minimum of 15 years of experience in teaching or healthcare service/research/practice; 25. (c) To replace the word: • 'course' with 'programme' and • 'subject' with 'course'; 26. (1) • To draw and incorporate from the best practices and regulations of organisations like Institutes of National Importance (like

	AIIMS, IISc, ICMR, NIMHANS etc.,) with reference to but not limited to research and other ecosystems, institutional and staff support mechanisms; 27. (1) • e) To develop systems/advocate policy changes towards the challenges of a healthcare professional during healthcare service provision; • develop standard of care protocols for different healthcare providers (government/private sector towards improving quality of care and legal protection; • The practice of the Dentistry be limited to the ownership of Dentist; • To add (e) develop guidelines for professional and ethical conduct of the dental profession including, guidelines for patient's safety; 30. (1) • Representation of number of members from State Dental Council in NDC/Advisory Council be based on the total strength of dentist registered in the State Register;

LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS

1. Dr Ashwath Narayan C.N., Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka
2. Prof (Dr) N Shridhar Shetty, Former President, DCI
3. Dr Nagesh K S, Former Member, Dental Council of India
4. Dr Jayakar Shetty Former Vice President, DCI
5. Dr Jaikrishna HJ, Syndicate Member RGUHS
6. Dr M K Shridhar, President, CESS
7. Dr Padmavathi B S, Director, CESS
8. Dr Sudhakar MC, Former Member, Dental Council of India and Former MLA.
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11. Dr Rajkumar Alle, President Karnataka State Dental Council (KSDC)
12. Dr Tilakraj, Former President, KSDC
13. Dr Girish Giraddi, Director and Dean GDCRI, Bangalore
14. Dr Kiran Kumar, Syndicate member RGUHS
15. Dr Shashikumar, Senate Member RGUHS
16. Dr Srivatsa, Principal KLEDC Bangalore
17. Dr Srinivas Murthy, Principal MSRDC, Bangalore
18. Dr Ganapathy, Former Member Dental Council of India.
19. Dr Ponnanna, Principal KCDS, Bangalore.
20. Dr Prabhuji, Professor and Head, KCDS
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