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To,

All Stake Holders

Sub: Draft 'National Commission for Homoeopathy (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Homoeopathy Education Part - I) Regulations-2022' -reg.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to circulate draft 'National Commission for Homoeopathy (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Homoeopathy Education Part - I) Regulations-2022' on public domain through website of the National Commission for Homeopathy for seeking opinion/advise/suggestions from the Stake Holders under section 23 sub-section (d) of G.S.R. 772(E), Ministry of Ayush notification dated 18/12/2020, for a period of 30 days with effect from 06/04/2022 to 05/05/2022.

2. The suggestions/opinion/advice may be sent to email: heb.nch@gmail.com

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary-in-charge

Copy to:

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3. The Directors of all State & U.T.
4. The Secretary to all the State/U.T. Govts. Department of Health and Family Welfare/ Medical Education/I.S.M. & Homoeopathy AYUSH.
5. The Registrars of all the Universities (including Deemed Universities) having affiliated/Constituent Homoeopathic Medical Colleges.
6. The Registrars of all State & U.T. Homoeopathic Boards/Councils.
7. The Principals of all the Homoeopathic Medical Colleges (including Director, N.I.H. Kolkata).
8. The Homoeopathic Associations and Federation of all State & U.T.
9. IT Consultant.

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HOMOEOPATHY

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

New Delhi -

F. No. 3-68/2022/NCH/HEB/Regulation/UG.- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) (d) of section 55 of the **National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020 [(14)(1),(2),(3); 55 (i) (h) of 2020]**, the Commission hereby makes the following regulations, namely: -

1 Short title and commencement:

- (i) These regulations may be called **National Commission for Homoeopathy (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Homoeopathy Education Part - I) Regulations-2022**.
- (ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2 Definitions:

- (a) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (i) “Act” means the National Commission for Homoeopathy, Act, 2020 (15 of 2020);
 - (ii) “Annexure” means an annexure appended to these regulations;
 - (iii) “Appendix” means an appendix appended to these regulations.
 - (iv) “Courses” means the course of study in Homoeopathy, namely:-
 - (a) “degree” means a Degree in Homoeopathy as defined erstwhile in clause (iv) of regulation 2 of the Homoeopathy (Graded Degree Course) Regulations, 1983 or in clause (iv) of regulations 2 of the Homoeopathy (Degree Course) Regulations, 1983;
 - (b) B.H.M.S. means a Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery Undergraduate qualification in Homoeopathy recognised as per the provisions of the Act.
 - (c) “M.D (Homoeopathy)/Post Graduation in Homoeopathy” means a Post Graduate qualification in Homoeopathy recognised as per the provisions of the Act.
 - (v) “Homoeopathy Educational Institutions” means a Homoeopathic College or institution affiliated to a University and recognized by the Central Government
 - (vi) “University” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in clause (f) of section 2 of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956 and includes a Health University.
 - (vii) “Deemed University” means an Institution of Higher Education, other than Universities, working at a very high standard in specific area of study, can be declared by the Central government on the advice of the UGC as an institution Deemed-to -be University.
 - (viii) “Seat Matrix” means the total number of seats available in certain College during counseling
 - (ix) “Counseling” means a standardized process by the State and Central Government authorities to allot seats in various Government and Private Homoeopathic Educational Institutions
 - (x) “Specified disability” means candidate with specified disability in

accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)

- (xi) “Designated authority for counseling” means office or duty designated group in State and Union territory to prepare plan for counseling and conducting admission process to undergraduate programme in all Homoeopathy Educational Institutions in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of National Commission for Homoeopathy
- (xii) “authority designated” means an authority authorized or appointed by the National Commission for Homoeopathy to conduct a uniform entrance examination for all medical institutions at the under-graduate level
- (xiii) “Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes” means people in a State or Union Territory as defined under article 341 and 342 of the constitution
- (xiv) “Other Backward Classes” mean people in a State or Union Territory as defined as socially and educationally backward classes in the constitution

(b) The words and expressions used herein and not defined but defined in the Act shall have the same meanings as respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3 Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery programme.- The Bachelor of Homoeopathy education namely, the Bachelor of Homoeopathy Medicine and Surgery (B.H.M.S.) shall produce Graduates, having profound knowledge of Homoeopathy along with the contemporary advances in the field of Homoeopathy supplemented with knowledge of scientific and technological advances in modern science and technology along with extensive practical training, as an efficient physician and surgeons for the health care services.

4 Homoeopathy- “Homoeopathy” means the Homoeopathic System of Medicines and includes the use of biochemic remedies supplemented by such modern advances, scientific and technological development as the Commission may, in consultation with the Central Government, declare by notification from time to time;

5 “Homoeopathy Education Board” means the Autonomous Board constituted for Homoeopathy Education under section 18 of NCH Act, 2020 (15 of 2020)

6 Eligibility criteria for admission and manner of admissions: -

i. The eligibility to seek admission in Bachelor of Homoeopathy Medicine and Surgery education shall be asunder:

- (a) The candidate shall have passed 10+2 or its equivalent examination from any recognised Board with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and have obtained minimum of fifty percent marks taken together in Physics, Chemistry and Biology in the case of students belonging to general category and forty per cent. marks in the case of students belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes:

Provided that in respect of persons with disability candidate specified under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), the minimum qualifying marks in the said examinations shall be forty-five per cent. in the case of General category and forty per cent. in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

- (b) No candidate shall be admitted to B.H.M.S Degree programme unless the candidate attained the age of seventeen years on or before the 31st December of the year of admission in the first year of the programme and not more than twenty-

five years on the 31st December of the year of admission in the first year of the programme:

Provided that, the upper age-limit may be relaxed by five years in the case of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and disabled candidates.

ii. **National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test.**-There shall be a uniform entrance examination for all medical institutions at the under-graduate level, namely the National Eligibility-cum- Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to under-graduate programme in each academic year and shall be conducted by an authority designated by the National Commission for Homoeopathy.

(a) In order to consider for admission to under-graduate programme for an academic year, it shall be necessary for a candidate to obtain minimum of marks at 50th percentile in the National Eligibility-cum- Entrance Test for under-graduate programme held for the said academic year:

Provided that in respect of-

(b) candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, the minimum marks shall at 40th percentile;

(c) candidates with specified disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) the minimum marks shall be at 45th percentile in the case of general category and 40th percentile in the case of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes:

(d) Provided further that where sufficient number of candidates in the respective category fail to secure minimum marks in the National Eligibility - cum - Entrance Test held for any academic year for admission to undergraduate programme, the National Commission for Homoeopathy in consultation with the Central Government may at its discretion lower the minimum marks required for admission to undergraduate programme for candidates belonging to respective category and marks so lowered by the Central Government shall be applicable for that academic year only.

iii. An All-India common merit list as well as State-wise merit list of the eligible candidates shall be prepared on the basis of the marks obtained in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test and the candidates within the respective category shall be considered for admission to under-graduate programme from the said merit lists only.

iv. The seat matrix for admission in the Government, Government-aided Institution and Private Institution shall be fifteen percent, for All-India Quota and eighty-five percent, for the State and Union territory quota:

Provided that,-

(i) the All-India Quota for the purpose of admission in all the Deemed Universities both Government and private shall be hundred percent.;

(ii) the University and institute which are already having more than fifteen percent, All-India Quota seats shall continue to maintain that quota;

(iii) five percent of the annual sanctioned intake capacity in Government

and Government-aided Institution shall be filled up by candidate with specified disability in accordance with the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) and based on the merit list of National Eligibility -cum-Entrance Test.

Explanation.- For the purpose of this clause, the specified disability contained in the Schedule to the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016) specified in **Appendix “A”** and the eligibility of candidate to pursue a programme in Homoeopathy with specified disability shall be in accordance with the guidelines specified in **Appendix “B”** and if the seats reserved for the persons with disabilities in a particular category remain unfilled on account of unavailability of candidates, the seats shall be included in the annual sanctioned seats for the respective category.

- v. The designated authority for counseling of State and Union territory quota for admissions to undergraduate programme in all Homoeopathy Educational Institutions in the States and Union territories including institutions established by the State Government, University, Trust, Society, Minority Institution, Corporation or Company shall be the respective State or Union Territory in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the concerned State or Union territory, as the case maybe.
- vi.
 - (a) The counseling for admission to Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery Programme for seat under All-India Quota as well as for all Homoeopathy Educational Institutions established by the Central Government shall be conducted by the authority designated by the Central Government in this behalf.
 - (b) The counseling for all admissions to Bachelor of Homoeopathic Medicine and Surgery Programme for hundred percent seats of all Deemed Universities both Government and Private shall be conducted by the authority designated by the Central Government, in this behalf.
- vii.
 - (a) All seats irrespective of category (Central quota, State Quota or management etc.) except foreign nationals are to be admitted through counseling (Central, State or UT) only. Direct admission by any means other than above specified manner shall not be approved. Any institution found admitting the students not following the specified manner, shall be denied permission for taking admission for further academic years.
 - (b) The institutions shall have to submit the list of students admitted in the format specified by National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) on or before 6 pm on the cutoff date for admissions specified by NCH from time to time for verification.
 - (c) Universities shall approve the admission of those candidates (except foreign nationals) who have been allotted through counseling (Central, State or UT as the case maybe)
- viii. No candidate who has failed to obtain the minimum eligibility marks under this regulation shall be admitted to under-graduate programme in the said academic year.
- ix. No authority or institution shall admit any candidate to the under-graduate

programme in contravention of the criteria or procedure laid down in these regulations in respect of admission and any admission made in contravention of the said criteria or procedure shall be cancelled by the National Commission for Homoeopathy forthwith.

- x. The authority or institution which grants admission to any student in contravention of the criteria or procedure laid down in these regulations shall be liable accordingly, under the relevant provisions of the Act.
- xi. For foreign national candidate, any other equivalent qualification approved by the Central Government may be allowed and sub-regulation (ii) of regulation 6 shall not be applicable.
- xii. The College/Institutions shall send intimation to the National Commission for Homoeopathy about the number of students admitted by them within one month of their joining. It shall be open to the Commission to undertake verification of the compliance of the provisions of the regulations by the Colleges at any point of time.

Appendix “A”

[See regulation 6 (iv)]

THE SCHEDULE relating to “SPECIFIED DISABILITY” referred to in clause (zc) of section 2 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), provides asunder:-

1. Physical disability-

- (A) Loco motor disability (a person’s inability to execute distinctive activities associated with movement of self and objects resulting from affliction of musculoskeletal or nervous system or both), including-
 - (a) “Leprosy cured person” means a person who has been cured of leprosy but is suffering from-
 - (i) Loss of sensation in hands or feet as well as loss of sensation and paresis in the eye and eye-lid but with no manifested deformity,
 - (ii) Manifest deformity and paresis but having sufficient mobility in their hands and feet to enable them to engage in normal economic activity,
 - (iii) Extreme physical deformity as well as advanced age which prevents him/her from undertaking any gainful occupation, and the expression “leprosy cured” shall construed accordingly,
- (b) “Cerebral palsy” means a Group of non-progressive neurological condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination, caused by damage to one or more specific areas of the brain, usually occurring before, during or shortly after birth.
- (c) “Dwarfism” means a medical or genetic condition resulting in an adult height of 4 feet 10 inches (147 centimeters) or less,
- (d) “Muscular dystrophy” means a group of hereditary genetic muscle disease that weakens the muscles that move the human body and persons with

multiple dystrophy have incorrect and missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for health muscular. It is characterized by progressive skeletal muscle weakness, defects in muscle proteins, and the death of muscle cells and tissue,

- (e) “acid attack victims” means a person disfigured due to violent assaults by throwing of acid or similar corrosive substance.

(B) Visual impairment-

- (f) “blindness” means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, after best correction-

- (i) Total absence of sight, or
- (ii) Visual acuity less than 3/60 or less than 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible correction, or
- (iii) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 10degree.

- (g) “Low-vision” means a condition where a person has any of the following conditions, namely:-

- (i) Visual acuity not exceeding 6/18 or less than 20/60 upto 3/60 or upto 10/200 (Snellen) in the better eye with best possible corrections; or
- (ii) Limitation of the field of vision subtending an angle of less than 40 degree up to 10 degree.

(C) Hearing impairment-

- (a) “Deaf” means persons having 70 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ears;
- (b) “Hard of hearing” means person having 60 DB hearing loss in speech frequencies in both ear,

(D) “Speech and language disability” means a permanent disability arising out of conditions such as laryngectomy or aphasia affecting one or more components of speech and language due to organic or neurological causes.

2. Intellectual disability a condition characterized by significant limitation both in intellectual functioning (reasoning, learning, problem solving) and in a dative behaviour which covers a range of every day, social and practical skills, including-

- (a) “Specific learning disabilities” means a heterogeneous group of conditions wherein there is a deficit in processing language, spoken or written, that may manifest itself as a difficulty to comprehend, speak, read, write, spell, or to do mathematic calculations and includes such conditions as perceptual disabilities, dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia and developmentalaphasia.

- (b) “Autism spectrum disorder” means a neuro-developmental condition typically appearing in the first three years of life that significantly affects a person’s ability to communicate, understand relationships and relate to others and is frequently associated with unusual or stereotypical rituals or behaviours.

3. Mental behaviour- “means illness” means a substantial disorder of thinking, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behaviours, capacity to recognize reality or ability to meet the ordinary demands of life, but does not include

retardation which is a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind of a person,

4. Disability caused due to-

(a) Chronic neurological conditions, such as-

(i) “Multiple sclerosis” means an inflammatory, nervous system disease in which the myelin sheaths around the axons of nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord are damaged, leading to demyelisation and affecting the ability of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord to communicate with each other.

(ii) “Parkinson’s disease” means a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity and slow, imprecise movement, chiefly affecting middle-aged and elderly people associated with degeneration of the basal ganglia of the brain and a deficiency of the neurotransmitter dopamine.

(b) Blood disorder-

(i) “Haemophilia” means an inheritable disease, usually affecting only male but transmitted by women to their male children, characterized by loss or impairment of the normal clotting ability of blood so that a minor wound may result in fatal bleeding,

(ii) “Thalassemia” means a group of inherited disorders characterized by reduced or absent amounts of haemoglobin.

(iii) “Sickle cell disease” means a haemolytic disorder characterised by chronic anaemia, painful events, and various complications due to associated tissue and organ damage, “Haemolytic” refers to the destruction of cell membrane of red blood cells resulting in the release of haemoglobin,

5. Multiple Disabilities (more than one of the above specified disabilities) including deaf blindness which means a condition in which a person may have combination of hearing and visual impairments causing severe communication, developmental, and educational problems.

6. Any other category as may be notified by the Central Government from time to time.

Appendix “B”

[See regulation 6 (iv)]

Guidelines regarding admission of students, with “Specified Disabilities” under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016), in B.H.M.S.

1. The “Certificate of Disability” shall be issued in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), vide number G.S.R. 591 (E), dated the 15th June, 2017.
2. The extent of “specified disability” in a person shall be assessed in accordance with the “guidelines for the purpose of assessing the extent of specified disability in a person included under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (49 of 2016)”, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, section 3,

Sub-section (ii), vide number S.O. 76 (E), dated the 4th January, 2018.

3. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% (Benchmark Disability) in order to be eligible for availing reservation for persons with specified disability.
4. The term 'Persons with Disabilities' (PwD) is to be used instead of the term 'Physically Handicapped'(PH)

TABLE						
Sl. No	Disability Category	Type of Disabilities	Specified Disability	Disability Range		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)		
				Eligible for B.H.M.S. Programme, Not Eligible for	Eligible for B.H.M.S. Programme, Eligible for PwD Quota	Not Eligible for Programme ,
				PwD Quota		
1.	Physical Disability	(A) Locomotor Disability, including Specified Disabilities (a to f).	(a) Leprosy cured person * (b) Cerebral Palsy** (c) Dwarfism (d) Muscular Dystrophy (e) Acid attack victims (f) Other * ** such as Amputation, Poliomyelitis, etc.	Less than 40% disability	40-80% disability Persons with more than 80% disability may also be allowed on case to case basis and their function a incompetency will the aid of assistive devices, if it is being used, to see if its is brought below 80% and whether they passes sufficient motor ability as	More than 80%

					required to pursue and complete the programme satisfactorily.	
			<p>* Attention should be paid to loss of sensations in fingers and hands, amputation, as well as involvement of eyes and corresponding recommendations be looked at.</p> <p>** Attention should be paid to impairment of vision, hearing, cognitive function etc. and corresponding recommendations be looked at.</p> <p>*** Both hands intact, with intact sensations, sufficient strength and range of motion are essential to be considered eligible for B.H.M.S. programme.</p>			
		(B)Visual Impairment(*)	(a) Blindness	Less than 40% disability(i.e. Category '0 (10%)' I(20%)' & II (30%)		Equal to or More than 40% Disability (i.e. Category III and above)
			(b) Low vision			
		(C)Hearing Impairment@	(a) Deaf	Less than 40% Disability		Equal to or more than 40% Disability
			(b) Hard of hearing			
			<p>(*) Persons with Visual impairment/ visual disability of more than 40% may be made eligible to pursue Graduate B.A.M.S. Education and may be given reservation, subject to the condition that the visual disability is brought to a level of less than the benchmark of 40% with advanced low vision aids such as telescopes / magnifier etc.</p> <p>@ Persons with hearing disability of more than 40% may e made eligible to pursue Graduate B.A.M.S. Education and may be given reservation, subject to the condition that the hearing disability is brought to a level of less than the benchmark of 40% with the aid of assistive devices.</p> <p>In addition to this, the individual should have a speech discrimination score of more than 60%.</p>			
		(D) Speech & language disability	Organic/neurological causes	Less than 40% Disability		Equal to or More than 40% Disability
			<p>It is proposed that for admission to B.H.M.S. programme the Speech Intelligibility Affected (SIA) score shall not exceed 3 (Which will correspond to less than 40%) to be eligible to pursue the B.H.M.S. programme. The individuals beyond this score will not be eligible for admission to the B.H.M.S. programme.</p>			
		<p>Persons with an Aphasia Quotient (AQ) upto 40% may be eligible to pursue B.H.M.S. programme but beyond that they will neither be eligible to pursue the B.H.M.S. programme nor will they have any reservation.</p>				

2	Intellectual disability	(a) Specific learning disabilities (Perceptual disabilities, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia & Developmental aphasia)#	# currently there is no Quantification scale available to assess the severity of SpLD, therefore the cut-off of 40% is arbitrary and more evidence is needed.		
			Less than 40% Disability	Equal to or more than 40% disability. But selection will be based on the learning competency evaluated with the help of the remediation/assisted technology/aids/infrastructural changes by the Expert Panel.	
		(b) Autism spectrum disorders	Absence or Mild per ISAA) where the individual is deemed fit for B.H.M.S. programme by an expert panel	Currently not recommended due to lack of objective method to establish presence and extent of mental illness. However, the benefit of reservation/quota may be considered in future after developing better methods of disability assessment.	Equal to or more than 60% disability or presence of cognitive/intellectual disability and or if the person is deemed unfit for pursuing B.H.M.S. programme by an expert panel.
3	Mental Behaviour	Mental illness	Absence or mild Disability: less than 40% (under IDEAS)	Currently not recommended due to lack of objective method to establish presence and extent of mental illness. However, the benefit of reservation/quota may be considered in future after developing better methods of disability assessment.	Equal to or more than 40% disability or if the person is deemed unfit to perform he/her duties. Standards may be drafted for the definite of “fitness to practice medicine” as are used by several institutions of countries other than India.

4	Disability caused due to	(a) Chronic Neurological Conditions	(i) Multiple Sclerosis	Less than 40% Disability	40%80% disability	More than 80%
			(ii) Parkinsonism			
		(b) Blood Disorders	(i) Haemophilia	Less than 40% Disability	40%80% disability	More than 80%
			(ii) Thalassemia			
			(iii) sickle cell disease			

5 .	Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness		More than one of the above specified disabilities	<p>Must consider all above while deciding in individual cases recommendations with respect to presence any of the above, namely , visual, Hearing, Speech & Language disability, Intellectual Disability, and Mental Illness as a component of Multiple Disability.</p> <p>Combining formula as notified by the related Gazette Notification issued by the Govt. of India</p> <p><u>$a+b (90-a)$</u></p> <p>90</p> <p>(where a=higher value of disability % and b=lower value of disability % as calculated for different disabilities)</p> <p>Is recommended for computing the disability arising when more than one disabling condition is present in a given individual. This formula may be used in cases with multiple disabilities, and recommendations regarding admission and/or reservation made as per the specific disabilities present in a given individual</p>
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Note: For selection under PwD category, candidates will be required to produce Disability Certificate before their schedule date of counseling from one of the disability assessment boards as designated by concerned Authority of Government of India.