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OFFICIAL CIRCULAR

Prevention of Malpractices and Unethical Practices by Registered Homoeopathy Practitioners – Regarding

In exercise of the powers conferred under the relevant provisions of the **National Commission for Homoeopathy Act** and National Commission for Homoeopathy (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Code of Ethics for Practitioners of Homoeopathy) Regulations, 2022, the Competent Authority has taken **serious cognizance** of repeated instances of **gross professional misconduct, malpractices, and unethical practices** being carried out by certain registered and unregistered Homoeopathy practitioners, in **blatant violation** of statutory provisions, professional ethics, and established norms governing the practice of Homoeopathy.

Such acts not only endanger public health and patient safety but also bring disrepute to the Homoeopathy system of medicine and undermine public confidence.

Prohibited Acts

- **False, misleading, exaggerated, or guaranteed cure claims** including advertisements through print, electronic or social media.
- Use of unapproved medicines, secret remedies or irrational drug combinations & undisclosed ingredients added to homoeopathic medicines.
- Selling of a drug or poison **prohibited by the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 (23 of 1940)** and the rules made thereunder
- Running clinics, hospitals, or diagnostic centres **without valid registration, recognition, or authorization**
- Long-term treatment by selling pre-paid packages and exploiting terminally ill patients financially by promising "last-chance cures"
- Refusing to provide the prescription to a patient within seventy-two hours as requested or required by such person
- Using fake credentials & misrepresentation like posing clinics as Research Institutes.
- Using testimonials instead of data. Heavy reliance on emotional patient stories, before/after photos, WhatsApp forwards and publishing case-reports of patient with identity in any medical or other journal without written consent of the patient
- Practising cross-pathy without disclosure as prescribing medicines of other systems secretly and mixing biochemical salts, herbs, steroids, which also does not give the clear picture of the standalone effect of homoeopathic

medicine.

- claims to be a specialist without possessing a special qualification listed by the Commission in the branch concerned
- **Conducting Unapproved Courses** by running certificate, diploma, fellowship, crash, bridge or online courses in Homoeopathy which is **not recognized by NCH** and issuance of certificate of experience in Homoeopathy to unqualified or non-medical persons
- Diagnosing or treating patients through ePlatforms like WhatsApp, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube or similar platforms without following prescribed telemedicine norms
- Generalized or specific treatment advice through posts, reels, comments, DMs or live sessions
- Claiming approval, affiliation, or recognition from NCH, Government, or foreign bodies without authorization
- Commits any other conduct which is found misconduct by the State Medical Council for Homoeopathy or by Board of Ethics and Regulation for Homoeopathy of National Commission for Homoeopathy

All registered Homoeopathy practitioners are hereby **directed to strictly adhere to:**

- The prescribed **Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct**
- The scope of practice is defined under existing laws, rules and regulations.
- Guidelines issued from time to time by the competent authorities.

It is hereby informed that **any violation** of the above directions shall invite **strict disciplinary action**, including but not limited to:

- Suspension or cancellation of registration.
- Imposition of penalties as per rules.
- Legal action under relevant statutory provisions
- Any other action as deemed fit by the Competent Authority.

Ignorance of rules or claims of customary practice shall **not be accepted as a defense** under any circumstances. All concerned state councils, institutions, hospitals, colleges, and practitioners are instructed that this circular is **widely circulated, prominently displayed, and strictly enforced**. Non-compliance by supervisory authorities shall also invite action.

This circular shall come into force with **immediate effect** and shall remain in force until further orders.

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