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The meeting of Presidents/Secretaries/nominees of all the branches of Indian Medical Association, Karnataka State, held on Sunday, May 8, 2016, at IMA House, Alur Venkat Rao Road, Bengaluru, under the chairmanship of Dr Prabhakara GN, President, IMA KSB, has unanimously resolved to stay away from the so called renewal of the permanent/all existing registrations of all the registered medical practitioners of Karnataka under the Karnataka Medical Council.

The meeting considered in detail all the legal facts related to the issue and took a unanimous stand that the process supposedly set in motion by the KMC is not in conformity with the Karnataka Medical Registration Act of 2003 and hence would be legally invalid if proceeded with.

The meeting resolved to constitute a committee comprising of Drs. Srinivas Kakkilaya B, Mangaluru, Yogananda Reddy, Ballary, Ravindra R, Bengaluru, Devaraj Raichur, Hubballi and Vani Kori, Shivamogga, under the Chairmanship of President, IMA, KSB, to formulate a draft of the decisions, to be submitted officially from IMA KSB to Karnataka Medical Council and other authorities.

It was further resolved that IMA KSB, as suggested by this committee, would suggest to KMC the following as the only acceptable solution for the prevalent situation:

- 1. Renewal or re-registration of permanent registration cannot be done and therefore such a process must be immediately abandoned.
- 2. Updating of the addresses can be done at all the centres/booths already established by KMC. Branches of IMA will help and cooperate by arranging the appointments for all the members. The process at the centres/booths must be crisp, on time and very short, keeping in mind the clinical responsibilities of practicing professionals. The centres/booths must be kept open on Sundays and holidays, to help the doctors who are in Govt. service or medical colleges and also doctors from remote areas. If a practitioner is unable to present him/herself on the prescheduled appointment due to unforeseen circumstances, a fresh appointment/s must be given. Adequate time must be

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provided to all the medical practitioners to go through this process.

3. For updating the data, only recent photographs and address proofs must be collected. Collection of fingerprints are unnecessary and risky and IMA KSB does not endorse this demand by KMC.

4. Charges for these processes must be as per the existing tariff: accordingly,

a. Upgradation of address: Free of charges

b. For providing the copy of the permanent registration certificate, in the new format, only for those who need such a copy: As per existing tariff

c. For the registration of additional qualification/s: As per existing tariff

The above decisions have been taken unanimously at the meeting held at IMA KSB and we call upon Karnataka Medical Council to implement these suggestions.

Bengaluru May 8, 2016

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