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## ಡೀಮ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚನೆ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ (ಪಿಟಿಐ): ಡೀಮ್ ವಿಶ್ವ-ವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯವಿಧಾನ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ಮಾಡಲು ಹಾಗೂ ಅವುಗಳ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲಹೆ ನೀಡಲು ಮಾನವ ಸಂಪನ್ಮೂಲ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯವು (ಎಚ್‌ಆರ್‌ಡಿ) ಮೂವರು ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಸಮಿತಿಯೊಂದನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ನಾಲ್ಕು ಡೀಮ್ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳು ನೀಡಿದ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ಪದವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಮಾನತು ಮಾಡುವಂತೆ ಸುಪ್ರೀಂಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಆದೇಶ ನೀಡಿದ ಬೆನ್ನಲ್ಲೇ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯ ಈ ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಕೈಗೊಂಡಿದೆ. ಈ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯಗಳು ಅಗತ್ಯ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಪಡೆಯದೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಷಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿದ್ದೂರ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದವು. ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನ ನಿಲುವಿನಿಂದಾಗಿ ಈಗ 30,000 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ಅನಿಶ್ಚಿತತೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಪಟ್ಟಾ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನ ಮಾಜಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಎಲ್. ನರಸಿಂಹನ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಅವರ

ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಮಿತಿ ರಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಎಚ್‌ಆರ್‌ಡಿ ಸಚಿವಾಲಯದ ಹೆಚ್ಚುವರಿ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಸುಖ್‌ಬೀರ್ ಸಿಂಗ್ ಸಂಧು ಹಾಗೂ ಎಐಸಿಟಿಇ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ಅನಿಲ್ ಸಹಸ್ರಬುದ್ಧ ಸಮಿತಿಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು.

ಎಐಸಿಟಿಇ ನಿಯಮದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದೂರಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಮೂಲಕ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣವನ್ನು ನೀಡುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ. ಜೆಆರ್‌ಎನ್ ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನ ವಿದ್ಯಾಪೀಠ, ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಆಫ್ ಅಡ್ವಾನ್ಸ್‌ಡ್ ಸ್ಟಡೀಸ್ ಇನ್ ಎಜುಕೇಶನ್-ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನ, ಅಲಹಾಬಾದ್ ಅಗ್ರಿಕಲ್ಚರಲ್ ಇನ್ ಸ್ಟಿಟ್ಯೂಟ್ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಮಿಶನ್ ರಿಸರ್ಚ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ನೀಡಿದ ಪದವಿಯನ್ನು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ ಅನುದಾನ ಆಯೋಗವು ಕಳೆದ ವಾರ ಅಮಾನತು ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ ಟ್ಯೂಷನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಶುಲ್ಕಗಳನ್ನು 2018ರ ಮೇ 31ರ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ.

## Many colleges don't pay stipend to MBBS interns

Payment is stipulated by the MCI

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Medical students in several private colleges who do internship after their undergraduate course do not get the monthly stipend that is due to them, even though the Medical Council of India (MCI) stipulates it.

In the absence of any specific complaints by students, and the apex regulatory body for medical education leaving its implementation to State governments and respective universities of health sciences, the violation is going un-

der the radar. Students say they won't complain as they do not want to antagonise the college managements.

Last month, the issue was raised by the Indian Medical Association, with the MCI requesting action. However, the MCI has said monitoring payment of stipend wasn't within its purview.

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# MBBS interns hit hard as many private colleges stop stipend

Monitoring payment is outside our purview, and respective governments should intervene: MCI

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Undergraduate interns in many private colleges across the country, especially Karnataka, have been hit hard as the monthly stipend due to them during the one-year internship, which is part of the MBBS course, is not being paid in many colleges.

Although the Medical Council of India (MCI) has a regulation that all resident doctors in government and private colleges shall be paid the monthly stipend, the apex regulatory body for medical education has refused to intervene in the issue as "monitoring payment is outside their purview and left to the State governments and respective universities of health sciences."

While government authorities are aware that the interns are not being paid the



## Payments only on paper

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Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), to which all medical colleges in Karnataka are affiliated, is also aware of the issue.

K.S. Ravindranath, former Vice-Chancellor of RGUHS, told *The Hindu* that even postgraduates are not being paid in some colleges. "We know some colleges that pay postgraduates, just for the sake of record, by de-

positing it in their accounts and later withdrawing it through various heads. The record of deposit is only to show proof of payment during MCI inspections," he alleged.

However, the university is helpless as students do not come forward to complain about this. RGUHS Registrar C.M. Noor Mansoor said action would be initiated against colleges if there were any specific complaints.

private medical colleges too.

MCI president Jayshree Mehta told *The Hindu* that monitoring payment of stipend is beyond their pur-

view. Several representatives of private college management that *The Hindu* spoke to admitted that they were not paying as "it was a bur-



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terns are not being paid the stipend, they say that action can be initiated against colleges only if there are specific complaints. However, students are not coming forward to complain as they do not want to antagonise the college managements.

Last month, the issue was raised by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) with the MCI requesting necessary action.

## MCI regulations

IMA national president K.K. Aggarwal wrote to the MCI on November 18 quoting the MCI regulations "that stipend shall be payable to residents in any medical college as part of minimal standards for registration and this shall be on a par with Central and government scale."

"It is logical as per the

Government authorities say action can be initiated against colleges only if there are specific complaints. • FILE PHOTO

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principle of equity that the same should be applicable for internship stipend. Whatever stipend is applicable for Central/State-owned medical colleges, should also be applicable to State private medical colleges," he said in the letter.

Requesting the MCI to

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look into the grievances of interns and take a favourable decision as there is a provision of payment to resident doctors, Dr. Agarwal pointed out that there is a directive of the Dental Council of India and a judgement of the Kerala High Court that allows stipend payment to interns in

monitoring payment of stipend is beyond their purview and left to the State governments and respective universities. "Although we have guidelines that colleges shall pay, it is not mandatory. MCI cannot monitor whether the colleges have paid and the respective State governments should look into it," she said.

On IMA's letter, she said the issue will be placed before the Executive Committee for reconsideration.

"On September 26, the MCI Executive Committee that looked into a complaint from Karnataka about non-payment of stipend during internship had not approved the Academic Committee's recommendation on the issue that stipend should be paid. Now, the issue will be placed before the EC for reconsideration," Dr. Mehta said.

to admitted that they were not paying as "it was a burden on their resources." "The MCI is not insisting that we should pay. If it is made mandatory, the management will take a call," said Chandre Gowda, principal of Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences.

Another principal of a noted medical college in the city, who refused to be quoted, said if the stipulated ₹20,000 stipend a month is paid to all interns, it will mean returning almost the entire course fee that they had paid.

Balakrishna Shetty, Vice-Chancellor of Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education, said students in his college were being paid the stipulated stipend now. "But we do not know what will happen from this year following the introduction of NEET," he said.