The Secretary,
University Grants Commission,
Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi

Subject: Indian students seeking admission in MBBS courses in China.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of the letter dated 20.12.2004 along with its enclosures, received from Embassy of India, Beijing, on the subject mentioned above and to request that suitable action in the matter may be taken.

It is further requested this may also be brought to the notice of the State Governments.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(A.K. Khanna)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
We have received a complaint from a group of Indian students who have joined the medical degree course at the Xinxiang Medical College in Henan province of China (XMC) stating that despite assurances at the time of admission they have not been provided with properly qualified English speaking teaching faculty. Their laboratory classes have also not begun. A copy of the complaint letter is annexed for ready reference.

We have taken up the matter with XMC. We have also reported the matter to the Ministry of Education of China seeking their intervention to remedy the situation. We have also contacted the Royal Nepalese Embassy to ascertain and verify details as XMC claims to have a tie up with BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS). [Note: BPKIHS has a tie up with AIIMS]
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3. It may be recalled that the Mission had been reporting to the relevant departments (Department of Health, Medical Council of India and Ministry of HRD) that an increasing number of Indian students are seeking admission in Chinese medical colleges to pursue MBBS degree courses. Details of correspondences between the Mission and concerned departments in India are given in Annexure to this letter.

4. The present case does bring to the fore the apprehensions that the Mission had projected to concerned departments that if the flow of Indian students coming to China for medical education is not guided properly, it could result in immediate as well as future difficulties. Lack of adequate information on part of students has the potential of causing problems including monetary and academic loss to the students once they arrive in their respective Universities/Colleges. [Note: Earlier, we were informed of a case in October 2004 of a student who was asked by the Tianjin Medical College authorities to leave the country as the student was found to be suffering from HEPATITIS ‘B’ during the mandatory medical examination on arrival. The student was simply not aware of this requirement and had not done necessary medical screening prior to coming to China.]

5. The Mission has been seeking policy guidelines in the matter. It might be useful if a policy framework could be evolved in the matter. A code of conduct/guidelines could also be devised which would safeguard students against claims on quality and cost of education which bear no correlation to conditions on ground in various Universities/Colleges in China.

Kind regards,

(Pradeep Kumar Rawat)

Encls: As Above
Copy by Bag
DETAILS OF CORRESPONDENCE

- In Mission's message of 29-6-2004 we had reported on a visit of an Indian agency, Gayatri Educational Consultant Company, which had tied up with the Guangxi Medical University, through a Nepalese intermediary, to recruit Indian students for MBBS degree course at GMU. Subsequently, the organization informed us that they had signed another agreement with the Tianjin Medical University to recruit students for medical education at TMU.

- On 16th July, 2004 we had informed that Wuhan University had appointed an Indian agent to recruit students for the medical college of the University. A copy of the letter written by the President of Wuhan University to the Medical Council of India in this regard was also forwarded.

- On 21/9/04 we had conveyed a request from the Luzhou Medical College in Sichuan to send a 6-member delegation to India to interview Indian students seeking admission for medical degree course. The Indian agency involved in the exercise was Saraswatianline.com.

- In end September, we came across media reports that a large number of students from Kerala had taken admission in Chinese medical colleges. We conveyed the above report to the concerned agencies in India by our message dated 29th September, 2004. In our message we had sought details of GOI's policy on recognition of such foreign medical degree courses. Subsequently, in October we came across requests by three separate groups of Doctors, which included Representatives of various medical colleges in China, to Visit India for "Tourist" purposes. The matter was duly reported by our fax of October 19, 2004.

- In response to our messages, the Medical Council of India informed us of two requirements for students seeking admission in foreign medical colleges which have been laid down in the IMC Act 1956 and the
Screening Test Regulation, 2002. The Department of Secondary and Higher education, Ministry of HRD in their message of 2/11/2004 informed us that the said matter was not dealt by them and advised us to continue correspondence with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

- Since the matter of medical education is being dealt by the Ministry of Education in China, we had suggested to the Ministry of HRD that the matter of Indian students studying in China in medical degree courses may be taken up with the Chinese Education Minister during his meeting in the Deptt. Of Education in November 2004.

- We have discussed the matter with the Ministry of Education, PRC and have requested them to advise various medical colleges of the section 4 of the Screening Test Regulation 2002 that has been conveyed to us by MCI. We have also requested Ministry of Education to provide us with a list of Universities/medical colleges which are authorized to take foreign students and have English language teaching facilities. The list provided by the Ministry of Education has been forwarded to concerned Departments on November 3, 2004.
To,
The Ambassador,
Embassy of India in P.R China,
Beijing, P.R China.

Date: 10th Dec 2004

Sub: Request for your immediate attention to the problems of Foreign students (2004 batch) in Xinxiang Medical College.

Respected Sir/Madam,

This is to bring to your kind notice about the plight of 1st year (2004 batch) M.B.B.S students in Xinxiang Medical College, Xinxiang City, Henan Province, P.R China. We are being cheated by the agents as well as Xinxiang Medical College in the following ways:

We were brought to Xinxiang Medical College on the grounds of providing Foreign teachers for the whole duration of our medical study on time. But it has been found that there is only Biochemistry professor taking the classes. Classes of other subjects have not been started yet by any professors. The college shows that the responsibility is of SUNIL SHARMA. But Mr. SUNIL SHARMA is not available in the college as well as in the city. In phone he says that it is not his responsibility to provide teachers. We have been pleading to the Foreign Affairs Office and other concerned authorities of Xinxiang Medical College to rectify our problem but they are neglecting and showing no interest for past two months.

We the medical students from India solemnly want to pledge that:

1.) Signed with a letter of Xinxiang Medical College.
2.) Informed in India that all professors would be foreigners.
3.) Paid:
   1400 $ TUITION FEES
   540 $ Hostel fees.
   540 $ Food fee in the Hostel — Paid to the college
   20 $ Registration fee.
   530 $ Chinese Language fee.
   850 $ Faculty Development Fund paid in India
   530 $ Registration fee paid in India
   1155 $ Processing Fee paid in India

4.) Our agencies were:
   1) Sunil Sharma, The Programme Director of Xinxiang Medical College for Foreign Students.
      Liaison office of Xinxiang Medical College,
      Share market Building, 6th floor
      Patalisadak Road, Kathmandu, Nepal.
      Ph: 00977-1-4264453.
II) Indo – Scottish Education Center
Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh,
New Delhi, India
Phone: 0091-11-25762219

III) Millenium Educational Consultancy,
AVM Complex, Opposite to K.S.R.T.C Stand,
Manjakulam Road, Palghat,
Kerala, India
Ph: 091-491-3091245.

3) Now we want to know from the concerned authority:
   a) Will we get the fee deposited in the college back?
   b) Will we get the service charges and Faculty Development Fund paid in India back?
   c) Will we get the professors as committed in India?
   d) Who is responsible for our career? Is it Xinxiang Medical College or
      Sunil Sharma (The Programme Director of Xinxiang Medical College for
      Foreign Students) or the Agencies to whom we paid the money?

Our First priority is to get foreign professors for the whole duration of our
medical studies on time and regular classes.

Please make us aware of your response & valuable suggestions on the following
e-mail address of our class representative:
chet_narayan_799@hotmail.com
chet_narayan_799@yahoo.com

We request you to do the needful at the earliest. Expecting your kind co-
operation, we conclude.

Thanking You;
Yours Sincerely;
The Foreign Students of 2004 Batch "1" year,
Xinxiang Medical College,
Xinyan Road, Xinxiang city-453003
Henan Province, P.R China.
Tel. 0086-373-3041119 (3029022)
e.mail wsxx@xxmc.edu.cn

Encl:
a) Advertisement in newspaper.
b) Invitation letter of Xinxiang Medical College.
c) Fee structure provided to us.
d) Information Brochure of XXMC.
e) Signature of all 58 students.
f) Receipts of two students. (Sample)