In the Medical Council of India’s Teachers’ Eligibility and Qualification (TEQ) guidelines amended up to 2018, separate academic qualifications have been prescribed for both medical and non-medical teachers. The Schedule 1 of the TEQ document prescribes the qualifications for the teachers, where the Sl. No. 2 is exclusively on the non-medical teachers. This part has not been amended by the MCI and the qualifications of non-medical teachers remains unchanged.

In order to include DNB as an additional qualification for the role of a medical teacher, MCI recently made an amendment to Schedule -1 under the serial number 4 and clause 6 and published in the Gazette notification No. MCI-12(2)/2018-Med.Misc./142810 on November 1, 2018. Both these amendments are with respect to the medical teachers only and no amendments have been made regarding non-medical teachers under Sl. No.2.

After meeting both the Chairman Dr. V. K. Paul (Board of Governors) & Secretary General Dr. Sanjay Shrivastava of MCI’s personally on 10th December 2018, National M.Sc Medical Teachers’ Association (NMMTA) has confirmed that there is NO change in the eligibility of non-medical teachers.

MCI recognizes only those degrees whose courses are include in the Schedule-I of the Indian Medical Council Act. Both the MCI and the Additional Secretary at Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have confirmed that medical M.Sc courses are included in the Schedule-I, hence this degree is recognized as an eligibility to teach in the non-clinical subjects.

One Rajasthan based body is engaged in malicious propaganda to deliberately mislead everyone and to harass the non-medical teachers. It recently peddled this false news in the newspapers, which was later clarified. This unethical and immoral propaganda must be condemned. This is for your kind information.

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Respected Sir/Madam,

Subject: Clarification regarding amendment in MCI’s TEQ guidelines

Greetings from the National M.Sc Medical Teachers’ Association (NMMTA), the registered national association of "non-medical" teachers working in medical colleges across India.

This letter pertains to the recent changes made by the MCI’s new Board of Governors in the Teachers Eligibility and Qualification guidelines. While the amendment was only to include DNB degree, a rumor and misinformation campaign has been created by one association against the eligibility of non-medical teachers. In order to clarify the matter, NMMTA is issuing a public statement after direct consultation the MCI and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to the Principals/Deans/Directors of all the medical colleges.

We also condemn the campaign against the non-medical teachers as it is vitiating the academic environment by creating an unhealthy divide between medical and non-medical teachers. Kindly take note of the attached document. This is for your kind information.

with warm regards

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Enclosure: Press release & Public statement