

Clarification regarding qualification of registered medical practitioner having Diploma in  
Gynaecology and Obstetrics [19 November 2013]

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Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
(PNDT - Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
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To  
The Principal Secretaries,  
(Health & Family Welfare Department),  
All States/UTs.

Subject: - Clarification regarding qualification of registered medical practitioner having  
Diploma in Gynaecology and Obstetrics (DGO).

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. N.24026/52/2008-PNDT dated 16.08.2012 and to say that in many States, various authorities under the PC&PNDT Act, 1994 are giving restrictive interpretation regarding qualification of Gynaecologist and that a number of representations have been received in this Ministry against such restrictive interpretation. It is further observed that no efforts have been made by such authorities to seek clarification, if any such doubt occurs, before issuing letters/notifications based on such restrictive interpretation of the provisions of the Act/Rules.

2. In this context, reference is invited to the provisions contained in Rule 3(3)(1)(b) of the PC&PNDT Rules, 1996 which *inter alia* stipulates that a Registered Medical Practitioner having Post Graduate degree or diploma is qualified to set up an ultrasound clinic or being employed in an ultrasound clinic.

3. It is, accordingly, clarified that Diploma in Gynaecology and Obstetrics (DGO) is a post graduate qualification and hence a registered medical practitioner having Diploma in Gynaecology and Obstetrics (DGO) is qualified to set up or being employed in an ultrasound centre within the meaning and scope of PC & PNDT Act, 1994 and the Rules framed thereunder.

4. Contents of this letter may be disseminated to all concerned for information and compliance.

5. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,



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