Dear Secretary,

The minimum standard requirements for Medical Colleges (regulations as amended up to July 2015) require a medical college to have 3 primary health centres/rural health training centres and an Urban Health Training Centre as their training sites for MBBS students. These institutions would be under the administrative control of Dept. of Community Medicine.

The primary objective of this training arrangement is to provide opportunity for medical students to learn from primary care setting in rural and urban areas. Compromised status of service delivery at these institutions will lead to inadequate learning. It is essential that these urban training centres are strengthened adequately by development and hand holding so that the objectives of learning are fulfilled.

As you are aware, Government of India has launched NUHM, so that a focused attention can be given to urban poor and the vulnerable. It is advisable that the concerned nodal persons in the medical colleges for the urban Training Centres may be contacted. These centres should be covered/adopted by NUHM so that additional activities, programmes under NUHM may be implemented. This will enrich the training experience of students also and at the same time these centres can be utilised for all the programmes under NUHM as well as utilised as a training centre for NUHM activities.

The action taken in this regard may be intimated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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