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*On the issues of Unavailability of anti-tubercular drugs nationwide and corruptions in NEET examinations, Medical Service Centre called Protest Rally & Memorandum to President of India, Governor of West Bengal and all states.*

*In a press statement Dr. Ansuman Mitra, Secretary, Medical Service Centre said:*

“Today on 26th June, 2024, thousands of doctors, nurses, health workers, medical students submitted memorandum to Hon’ble President of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, and Governors of West Bengal, Odisha, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Administrator of Chandigarh, and other states.

The massive gathering at Medical College, Kolkata at the call of Medical Service Centre (MSC) and other organisations - Service Doctors Forum (SDF), Nurses’ Unity (NU), Progressive Medical Practitioners Association of India (PMPAI), Haspatal o Janaswasthya Rakkha Sangathan (HOJRS), Junior doctors Unity (JDU) in the demand of immediate and adequate measures to restore uninterrupted free supply of anti-tubercular medicines by Government and high level judicial enquiry and exemplary punishment of the accused in NEET UG Scam affecting thousands of MBBS aspirant students.

The Ministry of Health had issued a circular to the states on 18 March 2024 stating that there will be delay in supply of drugs for treatment of tuberculosis and asking the states to procure drugs locally. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure the availability of medicines for a fatal disease like tuberculosis that affects mainly the poorest sections of society. It is gross negligence on the part of the government to issue such a circular at such short notice. A mission of eliminating tuberculosis in India by 2025 was declared by the central government, but no real steps have been taken in that direction. This will only lead to an escalation in the number of cases and emergence of multi- drug resistance. Already, several cases of death due to lack of treatment are being reported. We demand that immediate steps be taken to redress this situation and ensure adequate supply of anti-tubercular drugs.

It is also with grave concern that we see the massive corruption in the conduction and publishing of results of the NEET-UG examination. Several lakhs of students appeared in the exams. Now their future is in the dark. The National Testing Agency and the Central Government is answerable for jeopardizing the lives of these students. We demand that a high level judicial enquiry be conducted to expose all the culprits and exemplary punishment be meted out. We demand that the counseling for admission to MBBS be held after the enquiry is completed and all deserving candidates given justice. Recently, the NEET-PG examination was cancelled less than 12 hours prior to the scheduled time on 23rd June, citing possible corruption. We demand that the date for NEET-PG examination be immediately declared without causing further harassment to the candidates.

With the above demands protest rally was held from Medical College, Kolkata to Dharmatala followed by placement of memorandum to The Governor, West Bengal by the leaders of the said organisations. Rallies were held at Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Bengaluru and other state capitals.

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