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THE WEST BENGAL HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE ACT 1963

We along with the public heartily congratulated the West Bengal Government for bringing out the Homœopathic Bill from the cold storage, where it was rotting for many years, and expediting its passage through the legislature. All Homœopaths and lovers of Homœopathy in India were much relieved to find Homœopathy coming to a position of securing its legitimate ground in its fosterland in Afro-Asiatic region viz., in West Bengal. All were highly enthused to find the Calcutta Gazette, extraordinary, of the 6th November 1963, containing West Bengal Homœopathic System of Medicine Act 1963, duly assented to by the Governor.

But all these enthusiasm and hilarity are evanescent things, they are bound to evaporate away if not substantiated and nourished by material developments in due time. And the vacuum created by the disappearance of the initial good spirit is bound to be filled up with dismay and misgivings; and the longer the delay the more shall be the proportion of the latter.

It is a great wonder to us, why our popular Government is leading the situation to such a pass after making a so highly praiseworthy start. We do not know what is standing in their way to bring into force an Act which had been duly passed and assented to, long 9 months ago. Whatever may be the cause of their deadlock, we want to remind them of the fact that, in such affairs, the more the time lost, the more the hesitation—the more complicated and the more insuperable will be the impasse, and

ultimately they will be forced to come out of the situation, much more weakened and frustrated, with a Council totally unworthy of themselves and uncongenial to Homeopathy.

So our ardent appeal to our Government is that, they should shake off all their vacillation, leave aside all political considerations and pressure, and immediately constitute a Homœopathic Council, which they think most salutary to the progress of Homœopathy, and thus revive and vindicate the goodwill created by them last year.

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