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OMNIBUS CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR ALL SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE EXCLUDING THE DOMINANT SYSTEM

We have come to know that the Central Government is planning to establish a Council to control and manage the affairs of all systems of medicine prevalent in India—Homœopathic, Ayurvedic, Unani, Naturopathy etc. with solitary and sacred exception of the official system, the Allopathic system, which will remain under the Indian Medical Council as ever. Under the proposed Council there will be different sub-committees for the different systems of medicine and the Council will be constituted by representatives from each of the sub-committees.

Our common sense and reasoning faculty utterly fail to fathom the rationality and prudence of this intricate proposal. Everybody knows that there is hardly any common ground in principles, methodology and even interests among the different systems of medicine existing today in India. The main difference among the various systems of medicine is of course on the ground of drug-therapeutics, but even in the subjects like Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Surgery, Gynaecology etc. which are common to all systems of medicine, there are various vital and fundamental differences in approach on the ground of respective philosophy, principles and methodology. From all these have arisen the various insurmountable differences in interest on all grounds—pedagogical, professional, economic and what not?

It is beyond our imagination how there can exist one single council to guide and take care of all these divergent interests. If our democratic Government which is "for all and by all" sincerely means any real service to all people, it should free itself from all bias towards any particular system of medicine and allow free scope to all the systems of medicine thriving on the soil of India, to develop according to their own respective genius and to serve the people in their own way and method, and let the people have free scope to choose the system of medicine for their treatment and health—guidance according to their necessity, convenience and experience. Nobody

should venture to assume the monopoly of prudence in the matter of vital interest of the people.

We urge upon all Homœopaths who have got any influence on the Central legislators and authorities to prevail upon them to move for setting aside the plan of the utopian medical council and for establishing a separate and independent council for Homœopathic Medicine under the Central Government.

The General Election is ahead. All of us should take full advantage of this opportunity in right earnest to rouse the people in securing pledge from their election candidates for the earliest possible legislation on the following items:

- * Establishment of separate and independent Central Councils for all the prevalent systems of Medicine, viz., Allopathic, Homœopathic, Ayurvedic, Unani and Naturopathy.

- * Establishment of a separate Directorate for each system at the Central as well as in the various States.

- * All the above bodies to be manned exclusively by personalities of the respective systems of medicine.

- * Activities of these bodies to be co-ordinated by the respective Governments without any bias for or prejudice against any particular system of medicine, keeping only the interest and opinion of the people in view.

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