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To

Hon'ble S Parkash Singh Badal  
 Chief Minister Punjab  
 Chandigarh

**Subject : Policy for regularization of Nursing Homes / Clinics / Laboratories in residential areas.**

Respected Sir,

We appreciate the great advances in Healthcare in the state of Punjab. It is to your credit that a number of hospitals with state of the art facilities have come up in the state, thereby enabling the people of Punjab to avail of good health care without having to travel long distances. The initiatives in control & treatment of cancer are laudable.

We, the IMA try to do best bit by participating in health programmes (RNTCP), addressing rural health issues (Aao Gaon Chalein), supporting campaigns against female feticide, creating awareness regarding smoking ills, drug de-addiction and other health care programmes.

According to World Health Statistics 2010 (done by WHO) 76% of health care services are provided by private sectors in India (as compared to 18% in UK & 40% in USA) and is amongst the highest in the world. In India private health care providers are supplementing the state in sharing the health care services to our people.

There are many doctors who are running small Nursing Homes/ Clinics/Laboratories in residential areas. These small health care facilities are meeting the health needs of the society and provide life saving treatment in times of need. Because of these clinics and hospitals, health care is accessible to each and every citizen at all times in our country despite being the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest population in the world. In many developed countries like USA, UK and Canada there are long queues/appointments for even basic diseases.



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**Access to medical facilities in the proximity of the residential areas certainly reduces the need for commuting across different zones of the cities and it also reduces the initial time to start the treatment which is very crucial in certain medical emergencies like trauma, stroke or heart attack.**

That everybody cannot afford treatment from corporate hospitals is a well known fact. In addition govt. hospitals are over burdened & rushy, lack staff and they cannot fulfill the needs of all the citizens. In such a case, a Nursing Home/Clinic/Laboratory in the vicinity of the residence does provide a viable alternative. This obviously cannot be done in only 25% area that is permitted to doctors for clinics in their residential premises. In all new colonies places are now kept to open Nursing Homes / Hospitals as well as schools. It means that for all residential areas these are the basic necessities; therefore regularization of the hospitals / nursing homes in already existing colonies is for the benefit of society at large.

Giving notices to these Nursing Homes/Clinics/Laboratories by Municipal Corporation and threatening to close down these Medical facilities on small grounds like parking facilities etc. is totally uncalled for. It would not only put the livelihood of many doctors and staff in peril, but would cause great difficulties to the patients and also make the health care system costlier. Thus it is in Public interest that Nursing Homes/Clinics/Laboratories be allowed to function in residential areas.

**We, IMA Punjab, on behalf of our doctor members have come to your good self with the following requests:**

- To allow the already existing Nursing Homes/Clinics/Laboratories in the residential areas in the state to function as it is under one time settlement policy in all the areas viz in town planning schemes / building schemes / improvement schemes / development schemes etc.**



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2. To have a common policy for the entire state regarding opening up of new nursing homes in consultation with the IMA.
3. As mentioned earlier, health care is a basic need as is education. We request you to bring health services and healthcare provider under “Utility Services” and also give nursing homes incentives like relief in property tax, electricity tariff and rebate in purchasing new machinery or equipments, exemption of consumable items from VAT etc.

We have full faith that your good self would address our issues. We request you to strengthen our hands so that we can actively participate in the healthcare needs of the citizens of this great state.

With respect.

Yours truly,

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