

WEST BENGAL PHARMACY COUNCIL

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To
Prabir Kumar Banerjee
President
IPA, Bengal Branch, W.B.

Sub: Reply to your representation.

I am directed by the Executive committee of the West Bengal Pharmacy Council to reply your esteemed organization in regard to your subject matter.

The West Bengal Pharmacy Council is a Statutory Autonomous Body run under Pharmacy Act, 1948 receives no Governmental grant from Central and State Government of the day or from any other sources. **Accordingly the enhancement of fees has been necessitated due to increasement of all essential commodities which took place during the last ten years rapidly day by day along with to meet up the cost of planned and non-planned expenditure such as Pay, Salaries and allowances of Staffs and higher officials, CPF, Pension and payment of one fourth share to Pharmacy Council of India under Sec.44 of the pharmacy Act, 1948, recruitment of Pharmacy Inspectors throughout the districts under Section 26A of the Pharmacy Act, 1948, conduction of Up-gradation Training programme as per PPR-2015 regulation of PCI on regular basis, conduction and arrangement of renewal camps for registered pharmacists throughout all the districts, recruitment on vacant posts and creation of new post to combat and provide services to a large number of pharmacists and to meet up the developmental issues of the profession such as state of the art Drug Information Centre, implementation of certificate courses in PPP model with pharmacists Institute, stationeries and other miscellaneous cost e.t.c.**

Above all during the Pandemic and subsequent time to time lockdowns the revenue collection is seriously hampered and due to this prevailing situation the West Bengal Pharmacy Council was facing a resource crunch which is badly effected on the income and created an imbalance between income and expenditure which was obstructing day to day functioning of Council and future planning and other developmental works such as immediate recruitments in vacant posts including Pharmacy Inspectors under Section 26A to maintain the legal provision of Section 42 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 which is a long pending demand by all Pharmacists Associations, expansion of space of office to meet up the services to a large number of pharmacists gathers during working hours, as you all are fully aware of the fact that at this moment there are 57 Pharmacy colleges in West Bengal and more or less 7000 students comes for registration purpose to this Council.

Finally it is pertinent to mention here that during the last span of ten years no fees and service charges has been increased despite of non receiving of any governmental funds in view of the benefit and interest of the registered pharmacists but during this time as the points mentioned above along with the pay hikes to the staffs and higher officials has been increased many fold as per ROPA 2019 along with paying ¼ share of income to PCI, New Delhi as per statutory obligation of the State Council under Section 44 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

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Therefore, the West Bengal Pharmacy Council as per their E.C. Committee meeting resolution dated 30.06.2021 in presence of Director of Health Services, Govt. of West Bengal, who is also an Ex-officio Member of west Bengal Pharmacy Council and Hon'ble President Dr. Nirmal Maji submitted a draft proposal of revised fees structure before the appellate authority, Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal on behalf of West Bengal Pharmacy Council which was subsequently got approved vide letter No. H/TDE/1019/3D-27/11-DRUG & EQUIP dated 24.12.2021.

We have already explained our decision regarding compulsion of fees hike. If any further any information and clarification in this regard required from your end, feel free to contact the undersigned after introduction of online process of Registration and Renewal which is going on.

Thanking you,

Sayak Halder
Registrar, Registrar,
West Bengal Pharmacy Council

Copy Forwarded to:

1. The Health Secretary, Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, Swasthya Bhawan, GN-29, Sector-V, Salt lake, Kolkata-700091.
2. The Secretary, Drugs & Equipment Branch, Swasthya Bhawan, GN-29, Sector-V, Salt lake, Kolkata-700091.
3. The CMO, Nabanna (14th Floor), 325, Sarat Chatterjee Road, Shibpur, Howrah-711102.
4. The President, West Bengal Pharmacy Council.

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