

Government of India  
Ministry of Health & F.W  
(Nursing Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi.

To,

The President,  
Indian Nursing Council,  
8th Floor, NBCC Centre,  
Plot No. 2, Community Centre, Okhla Phase-I,  
New Delhi- 110020

Subject: - National Health Policy, 2017- monthly report to PMO  
- regarding.

Sir,

As you may be aware, the implementation of National Health Policy, 2017 is being monitored closely by the Prime Minister's Office. The key initiatives in the implementation framework on which action is required to be taken by Indian Nursing Council is as listed below:

- i. Single entry level for Nursing: To ensure the quality of nursing education, the implementation framework seeks to merge GNM schools with B.Sc(N) and have a single entry level qualification as B.Sc (N) for nurses by redesigning the B.Sc curriculum as practical based and by phasing away the GNM course. INC is requested to take steps to phase out GNM courses. **Timeline: 5 years, by March, 2022.**
- ii. Licentiate Exams: In order to improve the quality of healthcare, INC is requested to take steps to bring in licentiate exams for nurses. **Timeline: By June, 2019**
- iii. Live register: This project has already been launched and the enrollment drive for collection of data of registered nursing personnel across the Country has commenced from March, 2017. However, it appears that the scheme is yet to be fully operationalized in all the States. The project may be completed in all the States and Live Register for Nurses should be made fully operational both for renewal and new registration of nurses. **Timeline: By Sept, 2018**
- iv. Continuing Nursing Education: INC may formulate guidelines

for CNE for nurses and same may be implemented through out the country uniformly. **Timeline: By June, 2018**

- v. Nurse Practitioner Courses: It is heartening to note that the Nurse Practitioner Course in Critical Care has been rolled out by INC and 50 institutions are approved to start the NPCC programme in this academic year. In order to empower the Nurse Practitioners and to encourage the Nurse Practitioner courses, INC may take steps to bring necessary amendments in the INC Regulations. **Timeline: By June, 2018**
- vi. With regard to the NP course in Primary Health Care, INC is requested to develop suitable protocols in consultation with NHM and Dte. General of Health of Services and get necessary approvals from the Ministry, so that the course can be rolled out from the next academic year. **Timeline: By April, 2018**

2. You are requested to initiate necessary steps to complete the above works in a time bound manner and ensure that timelines are strictly adhered to. It may please be ensured that the updated status of implementation of the NHP is required to be furnished to this Ministry by the last day of each month positively.

Yours faithfully,

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