



View Point IMA Punjab vs Govt. on CEA 2020 ordinance in Nutshell 2020



Government Stand	IMA Punjab Stand
To regulate healthcare	Doctors running hospitals are already regulated by Punjab Medical Council and MCI/NMC. Hospital buildings are governed by building laws as for as buildings standards and norms are concerned. New act will achieve nothing extra.
To control quackery	Already IMC Act 1965 and Punjab Medical Registration Act 1916 take care of that. Punjab and Haryana High court has also given judgment in this regard and directed Punjab Government to control quackery under these acts. Let government bring out data that quackery has been controlled in states where it is implemented
To regulate charges to prevent fleecing of patients	We are willing for a transparent mechanism and will sit with government to work out it out. We can display our charges but will never accept CAP on hospital charges.
To improve healthcare	Already in Punjab private healthcare is of high quality and 70% of people seek treatment from this sector rather than government hospitals. Why?? because we offer quality service. Medical tourism is testament to this. Government should provide data about improvement in any healthcare indicators from states where this act has been implemented
To bring private healthcare in front line battle against Covid19	This is the latest excuse. But this is just an excuse because Government enjoys huge powers under Pandemic act to enlist and bring on board any institutions building or persons to manage Covid19.
Public wants it	There is no such demand by Public
Other States have it, So we should too have it	This is no argument, let the Government back this argument with hard data showing improvement in health services from other states where it is implemented.



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To provide grievance redressal mechanism to patients	There are enough avenues already available like <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consumer foras and Civil /Criminal Courts2. Punjab Medical Council and MCI as avenues of redressal.3. All Govt. Grievance Cells are available

Only Aim of the Government /Bureaucracy is to bring thriving private Healthcare in Punjab under its

thumb to lord over it and control this sector by back door. This is all to hide its own failure to provide quality and affordable Healthcare to its people which is the fundamental duty of any Government. We strongly oppose this ill timed and ill advised move and demand immediate roll back of this ordinance.

1. We demand that this half baked ill thought out Act taken back immediately .
2. The Govt.should fulfill the promise made by Congress party in its manifesto about regularization of Hospitals /Nursing Homes on as and where basis.
3. Hike in medical Education fee be rolled back immediately.
4. The last date for installing ETPs/STPs by hospitals is ending on 30th June 2020. Govt. should immediately advise the PPCB to extend the date for installing ETPs /STPs by at least one year as we are busy fighting Covid 19 and hospitals are not in a position to install these structures.
5. Incorporation of Epidemic Act amendment regarding Violence against doctors into Punjab Medicare Protection act
6. Stipend of interns , house surgeons, and PG residents at par with Delhi and Haryana.Then only meetings of the joint committee should be resumed and Govt should convince us about its need and intended benefits with hard data before we move forward.

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