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1ST STATE GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING <u>MINUTES OF THE MEETING</u>

1ST Punjab State GCM was held at IMA house, Ludhiana on 09/02/2022.

Meeting was attended by the following members.

Dr S P S Sooch Dr Paramjit Maan Dr Sunil Katyal Dr J K Kansal Dr Manoj Sobti Dr Rajinder Sharma Dr Yogeshwar Sood Dr Bhagwant Singh Dr Rakesh Vig Dr Karamvir Goyal Dr R S Bal Dr Dheeraj Aggarwal Dr Bimal Kanish Dr Mohanjeet Kaur

Leave of absentia: Dr Vikas Chabra

Agenda: Problems faced by Ayushman empanelled hospitals (mainly non-payment of dues).

State President, Dr Paramjit Maan chaired the meeting and called it to order.

Sate Secretary, Dr Sunil Katyal welcomed the members and briefed the agenda.



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Dr. Maan said that with the best efforts of IMA and after a series of multiple hectic meetings with SHA and SBI regarding Ayushman scheme, SBI has disbursed around 250 crore rupees to the hospitals till now but still around 130 crore rupees payment is pending. The insurance company has terminated the agreement and state government has also issued a letter on 29 December 2021 regarding the same. He said that IMA never endorsed Ayushman scheme and the hospitals have on their own opted for this scheme after its commencement. He also said that he was hurt and pained at the decision of the beneficiaries of the scheme to make their own association without informing/consent of IMA but still because they are our brethren and members of our association, IMA Punjab will stand by them and support them in every thick and thin. His view was endorsed and supported by all the present members.

He asked for the suggestions and views of the present members for the agenda discussed.

Dr. Kansal and Dr Bhagwant Singh strongly advocated that because ayushman holders are members of IMA, it becomes our moral duty and responsibility to support them in all the possible ways. This view was supported by all.

Dr Rajinder Sharma said that the IMA was never part of the tripartite agreement between the ayushman holders, State Government and SBI insurance company but still IMA should stand by the Ayushman hospitals.

Dr S P S Sooch said that the ayushman hospitals should be fully supported by the State IMA but a separate association of the ayushman doctors cannot be formed as it will be against the constitution of State IMA. It was supported by all including Dr Manoj Sobti, Dr Karamvir Goyal, Dr. Yogeshwar Sood and Dr. Dheeraj Aggarwal.

Dr. R S Bal informed the house that despite the orders of the state government to stop the ayushman scheme on 29th December 2021, many hospitals are still working for the scheme thus adding to the pendency.



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Dr Vig detailed about the ayushman scheme and various meetings held with the authorities. He informed that Finance Secretary, Govt. of Punjab and 03 other Government officials in a meeting with them informed that a senior IMA member has told them that doctors are taking undue advantage of the scheme. They also told them that government has terminated the contract with SBI insurance company and is in talks with other insurance companies for future.

Dr. Manoj Sobti strongly condemned the statement given by some senior IMA member to the government officials. He said it is a serious concern and it is against the interest of IMA and its members. It was equally condemned by all the present members.

He also opposed the formation of a separate association by the ayushman doctors and urged state IMA to extend full support to them.

After all the discussions and valuable inputs by the governing council members, following unanimous decisions were taken.

- 1. Punjab State IMA to extend full support to the ayushman scheme holders.
- 2. To make a 10-12 member working group with representative members both from IMA (State President and State Secretary to be part of it) and ayushman scheme doctors.
- 3. All the future meetings will be attended by the delegation of this working group and decision of State President will be considered final.
- 4. Issue an advisory to all the ayushman health care facilities to carry on the work at their own risk (of non-payment).
- 5. To issue a press note regarding the advisory.
- 6. Strike is not the solution and during these times of elections (to be held on 20/02/2022), it will be falling deaf ears.



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All the suggestions were mutually agreed upon by all present and meeting was called to end.

Dr. Sunil Katyal Hony, Secretary IMA Punjab