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**Government of India**  
**National Medical Commission**  
**Policy & Coordination Division**



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**16-09-2025**

**To**

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**Subject : Request to Recommend a Unified National Framework for Body Donation to Support Medical Education and Research-reg**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 18.07.2025 from Shri Prashant Ajmera, Founder, OneIndiaOneLaw.org addressed to the Chairman, NMC on the above cited subject, which is self-explanatory for further necessary action.

2. The issue has been examined in consultation with Under Graduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) and the board is of the view that:

a. The UG-MSR 2023 mandates the requirements of Cadavers and autopsy/post mortem facilities for MBBS students in every Medical College as per the following:

i. **SCHEDULE –I, Section 6.1. Department of Anatomy, Dissection Hall - ..... at least one cadaver shall be provided for every 10 students** Dissection hall shall be well lit, well ventilated with exhaust fans. There shall be adequate teaching aids in the hall. **Annual declaration about the details of every cadaver shall be provided by the college.**

ii. **SCHEDULE –I, Section 6.2 Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology: Autopsy Block-** There shall be an Autopsy room (approx. 400 sq.mt. area) with facilities for cold storage, for cadavers, ante-rooms, washing facilities, with an accommodation capacity of 10-15 students, waiting hall and office. The location of mortuary and autopsy block should be either in the hospital or adjacent to the hospital in a separate structure and may be shared

*by the departments of Pathology and Forensic Medicine. Every college shall obtain appropriate permission from the state/ UT government for the conduct of autopsy/ post mortem or an appropriate MOU to facilitate the training of undergraduate students.*

b. In the recently concluded process for grant of Annual Renewal of MBBS Seats for AY 2025-26, it was observed by the UGMEB that a large number of Medical Colleges were found deficient of minimum requirements for Cadavers for their annual intake of students. In the show cause notices issued to the colleges, it was brought out by them that all efforts are made to get the cadavers.

c. Though, the recommendations for making any national law on the subject does not come in the purview of UGMEB but it will be appreciated if the Medical Colleges are able to meet the minimum requirements of Cadavers for imparting better training of undergraduate students by virtue of any change of policy/act by the Central Govt./State Govt. as the case may be.

2. The issues with the approval of Competent authority.

Encls : As above.

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Respected Chairperson,

Greetings from OneIndiaOneLaw.org.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you for being appointed as a Chairperson of the commission.

As the regulatory body for medical education in India, the National Medical Commission (NMC) plays a crucial role in setting academic standards and ensuring ethical clinical practice. I write to you with a humble request to consider recommending a **unified national policy for body donation** that can replace the out-dated, state-specific Anatomy Acts.

**The Academic Challenge**

Medical colleges across India face administrative and legal hurdles in accessing donated bodies for anatomical education due to:

- State-wise variations in laws, documentation, and consent
- Confusion among families of donors and inconsistent public awareness
- Delays in transportation, registration, and certification of donated cadavers
- A lack of centralized oversight and ethical standards for anatomical research

These challenges compromise the quality of medical education and raise ethical and legal concerns for faculty and students alike.

**Why NMC's Recommendation Matters**

We request that the NMC recommend to the Union Ministry of Health the following:

- Enactment of a **Uniform Central Anatomy Act**
- Development of **standardized donor forms and protocols**
- Creation of a **national body donor registry**, accessible by all accredited institutions
- Integration of ethical cadaver management guidelines into **NMC's Code of Ethics and UG/PG medical curriculum**

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- Public outreach materials to raise awareness of body donation as a national service

This reform will support the academic mission of the NMC and ensure consistency across all medical institutions under your purview.

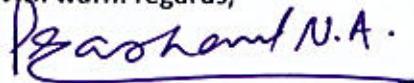
#### **Our Role**

As part of our on-going work under OneIndiaOneLaw.org, Rotary International, Rotary Action Group – Blood and Organ Donation, we have also published multilingual educational materials, chatbot support, and workshops to promote awareness on this issue, and we remain committed to collaborating with your ministry in this national effort.

We would be pleased to assist your office with draft frameworks, citizen data, or stakeholder engagement on this issue.

Thank you for your time and leadership in this essential matter.

With warm regards,



*Yours sincerely,*

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