No. CDN-16/2/2025-CDN-NMC
Government of India
National Medical Commission
(Coordination Division)

Pocket-14, Sector-8,
Dwarka, Phase-1,
New Delhi-110077

ORDER

Subject: First Appeal filed by DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Kairapari, Kotsahi (Tangi), Cuttak (Orissa), challenging the decision dated 14.07.2025 of UGMEB.

This is with reference to the first appeal dated 21.07.2025 filed by DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Kairapari, Kotsahi (Tangi), Cuttak, Orissa (hereinafter referred to as "The Medical College") under Section 9, Chapter IV of MSMER 2023, challenging the decision dated 14.07.2025 of the UGMEB, whereby deficiencies were observed during the assessment of the Annual Declaration Form submitted by the Medical College for the grant of annual renewal of MBBS seats for the Academic Year (AY) 2025-26. Consequently, the UGMEB, vide the impugned order dated 14.07.2025, reduced the sanctioned intake of the Medical College from 100 MBBS seats to 50 MBBS seats and accordingly granted a conditional renewal for only 50 MBBS seats for AY 2025-26.

2. The Medical Colleges/Institutions are obligated under Regulation 4 of the MSMER, 2023 (notified on 19.09.2023) to furnish an Annual Disclosure Report and it shall be the duty of Medical College/Institution or the concerned agency/agencies exercising control over such Medical College/Institution to furnish the information (including additional information) to the concerned Board in the prescribed mode.

3. Whereas the UGMEB, through its Public Notice dated 01.11.2024 (uploaded on NMC's website on 06.11.2024), directed all Medical Colleges/Institutions to fill the details/data of respective institutions on the NMC Portal for Annual Declaration as required in the NMC Act, 2019 and various Regulations issued by NMC from time to time. Further, the Medical Colleges/Institutions were intimated that the submission of the duly completed Annual Declaration Form of each College on the NMC Portal is mandatory for annual renewal of permission of UG-MBBS seats, failing which no seat shall be permitted in case of annual declaration not submitted within the specified time period. Furthermore, the Medical Colleges/Institutions were also informed

about the incorporation of certain mandatory additional information in the Annual Declaration Portal for the AY 2025-26. Subsequently, vide Public Notice dated 24.04.2025, it was also directed to furnish the additional information relating to the number of Minor and Major OTs and the details of cadavers.

4. Whereas the details were submitted by the Medical College for assessment of the Annual Declaration Form and grant of Renewal of 100 Undergraduate Seats (MBBS) for AY 2025-26. The details submitted by the Medical College were assessed by the experts evaluating the Annual Declaration Form as per UG-MSR-2023 and MSMER-2023, video recording of examination and AEBAS Report of faculty attendance of last one year, and several deficiencies were observed.

5. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice dated 13.05.2025 was issued to the Medical College, outlining the observed deficiencies and directing the Medical College to submit a written clarification on each deficiency observed by the experts, within seven days. The observed deficiencies are detailed below:

(i) All the departments are deficient in faculty/Resident/tutor as per AEBAS Record data.
(ii) Deficient Cadaver registration.
(iii) Viva-vice being conducted simultaneously for two students in videos of examination uploaded for Psychology and Biochemistry.
(iv) Skill lab not present. Tie up with SCB MCH, Cuttak, Odisha.

6. Subsequently, the compliance report submitted by the Medical College was also evaluated by the Assessors; however, amongst other deficiencies, the following key deficiencies were again highlighted:

(i) Departments are still deficient in faculty/Resident/tutor as per AEBAS record data, however, your explanation has been acceptedtherefore, the college may adhere to the deficiencies found in the AEBAS.
(ii) Cadaver registrations are still deficient.
(iii) College has assured that they will be extra careful in next exam.

7. Further, it was also observed that during the renewal process for the previous AY 2024-25, a penalty was imposed and conditional renewal was granted in view of the substantive nature of deficiencies observed in the Medical College.

8. An opportunity of hearing was also provided to the Medical College on 09.07.2025 by the UGMEB. The UGMEB observed gross and substantive deficiencies in both faculty and clinical parameters in the Medical College, and the clarifications furnished by the institution were not found convincing and

satisfactory. The college also accepted the deficiencies and assured to fulfil the same within a very short span of time.

9. The UGMEB, vide order dated 14.07.2025 (*impugned order*), observed that despite prior intimation and ample opportunity granted for rectification, the Medical College has persistently failed to address the deficiencies observed during assessment, and has not met the stipulated minimum standards prescribed under the UG-MSR-2023/MSMER-2023. Further, it has been observed that the continued non-compliance, in violation of Chapter III, Clause 8 of MSMER-2023 (Penalties), constitutes a serious lapse in upholding essential academic and infrastructural requirements. After due deliberation, the Board has decided to reduce the 50 MBBS seats from 100 to 50. Accordingly, a conditional renewal for only 50 MBBS seats was granted. Additionally, it was also mentioned that the decision has been taken in the larger interest of safeguarding the quality of medical education and ensuring adherence to the prescribed statutory framework.

10. Being aggrieved by the aforesaid impugned order/decision dated 14.07.2025, the Medical College has filed the instant 1st Appeal dated 21.07.2025 under Section 9 of MSMER 2023, inter alia, praying to reinstate the annual admission of 100 MBBS seats. The Appellant Medical College has inter alia submitted the following contentions for consideration in its Appeal:

(i) **Deficiency in faculty:** This is a new medical college, two years old, and received the LOP in June 2023. Sir, we have adequate faculty for 100 admissions, but AEBAS attendance above 75% is low, as the system is new to many faculties and network issues in our rural location caused difficulties in marking attendance. We regret this shortfall. However, from 01.01.2025 to 31.03.2025, 73 faculties (86% of the required) achieved over 75% attendance (Table 1). After introducing Face Reading Biometric Attendance from 01.05.2025 to 30.06.2025, 76 faculties (around 90%) achieved the same. Individual AEBAS attendance for Jan–Mar 2025 is attached. Sir, we are improving monthly and assure you we will achieve the required attendance throughout the year.

(ii) **Deficiency in Senior Residents** (SRs): DRIEMS has 22 enrolled SRs against the required 40. We acknowledge the deficiency in Senior Residents (SRs) in Pre-clinical and Para-clinical subjects. Being a newly established 2-year-old institute, we do not have SRs from our own batches. Due to the nationwide shortage of SRs, recruitment has been challenging. To address this temporarily, we have engaged additional tutors to maintain standards. Currently, the combined strength of SRs and tutors is 61 against the required 65.

(iii) **Deficiency in cadavers:** The institute currently has 6 cadavers against the required 10 cadavers. The institute has already written to the Directorate of Medical Education and Training vide letter no 10-24/525 dated 21.10.2024 and letter no 10-25/248 dated 16.04.2025 for providing additional cadavers. Additionally, the institute has adequate clinical material to support 100 students, and we are constantly working to improve further.

(iv) **Availability of skill lab:** The institute currently operates a fully functional Skill Lab.

11. In this regard, the instant 1st Appeal has been admitted, and the Appeal Committee, constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth, Chairman, NMC and two Members (Nominated), met on 28.08.2025 to consider the said Appeal filed by the Medical College. The following Appeal Committee members were present during the meeting:

a. Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth, Chairman, NMC- **Chairman**
b. Dr. D. K. Sharma, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Rajender Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi - **Member (Nominated)**
c. Prof. (Dr.) Gangadhar Taduri, Department of Nephrology, Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, Telangana- **Member (Nominated)**
d. Dr. Raghav Langer, Secretary, NMC.- **Convener** of Appeal Committee.

Hearing of the 1st Appeal and observations of the Appeal Committee:

12. The Appeal Committee has given a virtual hearing to the Medical College on 28.08.2025, represented by the Dean/Principal/Vice-Principal/HoD. The Medical College has made its submissions before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee has observed that the Medical College submitted its details for assessment of the Annual Declaration Form and grant of Renewal of 100 Undergraduate Seats (MBBS) for AY 2025-26. The details submitted by the Medical College were assessed by the experts evaluating the Annual Declaration Form as per UG-MSR-2023 and MSMER-2023, video recording of examination and AEBAS Report of faculty attendance of the last one year and observed various deficiencies as per the required minimum standards stipulated under UG-MSR 2023. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice dated 13.05.2025 was issued to the Medical College providing an opportunity to submit written clarification on the outlined deficiencies, and even after considering the compliance report submitted by the Medical College, the Board found gross deficiencies in the Medical College. Hence, the Board vide order dated 14.07.2025 found the Medical College eligible for 50 seats only instead of the 100 applied for and reduced 50 MBBS seats for AY 2025-26.

13. The deficiencies outlined in the aforesaid order dated 14.07.2025 are observed as substantive deficiencies under the NMC Act, 2019 and the Regulations made thereunder. The Minimum Standards Requirements (UG-MSR) prescribed by the NMC are fundamental to ensuring the quality and integrity of medical education in India. These standards are not merely procedural formalities but are essential benchmarks designed to uphold the excellence of medical training and to produce competent healthcare professionals. Any deviation or non-compliance with the prescribed MSRs undermines the core objective of the NMC to maintain and promote high standards of medical education and public health. Therefore, such deficiencies cannot be overlooked or condoned.

14. Further, it is noted that during the renewal process for the previous AY 2024-25, a penalty was imposed on the Medical College and a conditional renewal was granted in view of the substantive nature of deficiencies observed in the Medical College.

15. Furthermore, the Committee reviewed the AEBAS (Attendance) Report of the Medical College for the relevant period from 01.04.2024 to 31.03.2025, as per MSR-2023. The analysis revealed deficiencies in faculty strength. For the sanctioned intake of 100 MBBS seats, out of the 85 required faculty (excluding SRs and Tutors/Demonstrators), 44 faculty were found deficient. However, the Appellant Medical College has submitted that they have adequate faculty for 100 admissions, but AEBAS attendance above 75% is low, as the system is new to many faculties and network issues due to the rural location caused difficulties in marking attendance. It has also been submitted by the College that from 01.01.2025 to 31.03.2025, 73 faculties (86% of the required) achieved over 75% attendance, and after introducing Face Reading Biometric Attendance from 01.05.2025 to 30.06.2025, 76 faculties (around 90%) achieved the same. This reflects substantial improvement and compliance with attendance requirements.

16. Accordingly, considering the submissions made by the Medical College, it was decided to grant an additional opportunity to the institution through a virtual inspection. Accordingly, the virtual inspection was conducted by the Appeal Committee on 29.08.2025, with the active participation of the Medical College. The Medical College informed that the State Government had declared public holidays on 29th and 30th August 2025 on account of Ganesh Puja and Nuakhai. Nevertheless, the OPD was functional. During the course of the virtual inspection conducted by the Appeal Committee, the headcount of faculty members across the departments of Anatomy, Physiology, Biochemistry, Community Medicine, Pharmacology, and Pathology was duly verified, and

individual faculty members were interacted with. The Committee observed that the attendance and presence of faculty were found to be satisfactory, with a few faculty members being on leave due to the government-declared holiday and certain personal reasons. It was therefore concluded that the institution maintains the requisite faculty strength in compliance with the prescribed norms.

Decision of the Appeal Committee:

17. The Appeal Committee has duly considered the First Appeal filed by the Medical College, along with the submissions made during the hearing held on 28.08.2025, the AEBAS (Attendance) Report for the relevant period, and the findings of the virtual inspection conducted on 29.08.2025. The Committee has duly noted the improvements reflected in faculty strength and clinical facilities. Upon an overall consideration of the material placed before it, the Committee finds that the submissions made by the Appellant Medical College are convincing and satisfactory. The Medical College has demonstrated substantial compliance with the prescribed faculty and clinical requirements under UG-MSR-2023 and MSMER-2023. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee is of the considered view that the Medical College deserves to be allowed its full intake. Consequently, the order dated 14.07.2025 of the UGMEB reducing the intake stands modified, and a renewal of 100 MBBS seats is hereby granted to the Medical College for the Academic Year 2025-26.

18. Further, the Medical College is hereby directed to ensure strict and continuous compliance with the provisions of UG-MSR 2023 and MSMER 2023 for future annual renewals.

19. Accordingly, the 1st Appeal filed by the Medical College stands disposed of.

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Dr. D. K. Sharma
(Member Nominated)
Appeal Committee)

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Prof. (Dr.) Gangadhar Taduri
(Member Nominated)
Appeal Committee)

Sd/-
Dr. Abhijat Chandrakant Sheth,
(Chairman, NMC
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