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National Medical Commission
Medical Assessment & Rating Board
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Pocket - 14, Sector - 8,
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07-09-2026

LETTER OF PERMISSION (LoP)

To

Dean/Principal,
Driems Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital
At- Kairapari, Kotasahi, Tangi,
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Subject: Issue of Letter of Permission (LoP) in compliance of the decision of 1st Appeal Committee for Increase intake of 50 MBBS seats (100 to 150 seats) Medical College as DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Odisha for A.Y. 2026-27-Reg.

Refs:

a. Online Application No: NMC/UGI/2026-2027/0251)
b. Letter of Disapproval (LoD) dated 20-07-2026.

Dear Sir/Madam

WHEREAS, Online Application No. :**NMC/UGI/2026-2027/0251** was submitted to the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB), National Medical Commission (NMC), seeking permission for the increase in intake of **50 MBBS Seats (100 to 150)** at **DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Odisha** for the Academic Year 2026-27.

2. WHEREAS, Section 28(2) of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 mandates that every applicant shall submit a scheme to the Medical Assessment and Rating Board in such form and containing such particulars as may be prescribed under the relevant regulations. Further, the proviso to Regulation 9 of the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023 provides that an incomplete application, including one not accompanied by the mandatory documents prescribed under the Regulations, is liable to be rejected.

3. WHEREAS, Section 29 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019 read with Regulation 11 of the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023, requires the Medical Assessment and Rating Board, while considering a scheme under Section 28, to assess, inter alia, the adequacy of financial resources, availability of academic faculty, hospital

facilities, infrastructure, and such other prescribed criteria necessary for the proper functioning of the medical college;

4. WHEREAS, the Public Notice dated 22.12.2025 inviting applications for the Academic Year 2026-27 specifically stipulates that:

"The regulatory framework does not contemplate a 'work-in-progress' status at the time of application; rather, it obligates readiness and demonstrable compliance ab initio. Therefore, any plea of being in the process of completing infrastructure or requesting additional time defeats the very objective of the scheme under the Act and Regulations and is wholly impermissible."

5. WHEREAS, upon scrutiny of the application under Section 29 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, read with Regulations 11 and 12 of the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023 and the Public Notice dated 22.12.2025, the following deficiencies were observed and communicated to the applicant through Show Cause Notice dated 06.06.2026:

S. No	*Parameter*	*Deficiency*
1	*CoA*	*In NMC records, the affiliated university is Utkal University. However, the CoA Letter does not appear to be from Utkal University. The college has been requested to submit clarification with the requisite documents for the change of university name.*

6. WHEREAS, the applicant institution was afforded an opportunity under Section 28(3) of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, read with Regulation 13 of the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023, vide Show Cause Notice dated 08.05.2026, to rectify the aforesaid deficiencies and submit a compliance report within seven (07) working days;

7 WHEREAS, the applicant institution submitted its compliance report on 14.05.2026, along with the documents furnished in support of its response to the Show Cause Notice. The compliance submitted by the applicant was duly examined by the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB);

8. WHEREAS, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board Expert Committee examined the application, AEBAS data and other relevant records in accordance with the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023, the Undergraduate Medical Education Standards Regulations (UGMSR), 2023 and the Public Notice dated 22.12.2025, and observed the following major deficiencies

S. No.	Parameter	Observation of the Expert Committee (based on AEBAS)
		i. There is a gross deficiency of eligible faculty, as reflected in

1	Faculty	the AEBAS records for the period from 18.02.2026 to the date of review of the assessors' report (SAF). Against the prescribed requirement of 114 faculty members, only 74 faculty members have recorded AEBAS attendance of at least 75%, although the total registered faculty strength is 121. ii. No Professor is registered in AEBAS in the Departments of Dermatology and Ophthalmology. Further, no Professor with the prescribed AEBAS attendance of at least 75% is available in the Departments of General Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynaecology (OBG), Paediatrics, and Radiodiagnosis. Ophthalmology, iii. The department-wise deficiency of eligible faculty is as follows: Anatomy (01 Professor, 02 Associate Professors and 02 Professors); Anaesthesiology (02 Professors and 01 Assistant Associate Assistant Professor); Biochemistry (01 Associate Professor and 02 Assistant Professors); Dermatology (01 Professor, 01 Associate Professor and 01 Assistant Professor); FMT (01 Professor, 01 Associate Professor and 01 Assistant Professor); General Medicine (01 Professor and 03 Associate Professors); General Surgery (03 Associate Professors and 02 Assistant Professors); Microbiology (02 Associate Professors); OBG (01 Professor, 01 Associate Professor and 01 Assistant Professor); Ophthalmology (01 Professor and 01 Associate Professor); Orthopaedics (02 Associate Assistant Professors); ENT (01 Professor); Paediatrics (01 Professor, 01 Associate Professor and 02 Assistant Professors); Pathology (01 Associate Professor and 01 Assistant Professor); Pharmacology (01 Associate Professor); Physiology (02 Associate Professors and 02 Assistant Professors); Psychiatry (01 Associate Professor); and Radiodiagnosis (01 Professor and 01 Associate Professor), resulting in an overall deficiency of 50 eligible faculty members (43.86%). iv. According to the assessors' report, the faculty deficiency is 11.4%, while the deficiency of Tutors/Senior Residents/Demonstrators is 30%. v. The available eligible faculty is grossly inadequate to satisfy the prescribed faculty requirements under the applicable regulations, even for the existing annual intake capacity of 100 MBBS seats
2	Infrastructure	i. The hostel facilities require substantial improvement, and the standards of food hygiene and sanitation need to be maintained. ii. The internet connectivity and audio-visual (AV) teaching aids available in the student practical laboratories are inadequate.

3	Clinical Load	1. According to the assessors' report, the IPD/wards are only partially functional. ii. The OPD attendance on the day of assessment was 909 patients (842 patients as reflected in the clinical material chart) against the prescribed requirement of 1,200 patients. iii. The bed occupancy was only 45% on the day of assessment iv. Only 04 cadavers were prescribed requirement of 15.

9. WHEREAS, upon consideration of the findings of the Expert Committee, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board was satisfied, the applicant institution has failed to demonstrate compliance with the mandatory requirements relating to faculty availability, hospital facilities, infrastructure, and other essential requirements prescribed under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023 and the Undergraduate Medical Education Standards Regulations (UGMSR), 2023. These deficiencies are fundamental in nature and cannot be treated as minor or curable at this stage of the application process, particularly in view of the Public Notice dated 22.12.2025, which expressly stipulates that applications based on incomplete infrastructure, or where the institution is not fully compliant and demonstrably ready and remains a "work in progress", are not permissible under the applicable regulatory framework.

10. WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 28 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, read with Regulation 13 of the Establishment of Medical Institutions, Assessment and Rating Regulations, 2023, the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB), National Medical Commission, **disapproved Online Application/Scheme No. NMC/UGI/2026-2027/0251** submitted by **DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Odisha,** for seeking permission for an **increase in intake of 50 MBBS seats (100 to 150 seats)** for the Academic Year 2026-27.

11. WHEREAS, the college has preferred appeal against the Letter of Disapproval of MARB. Accordingly, the First Appeal Committee carefully examined the impugned Letter of Disapproval dated 20.07.2026, the Show Cause Notice dated 06.06.2026, the Compliance Report dated 17.06.2026, the memorandum of appeal, the Physical Assessment Report dated 29.06.2026, the updated AEBAS records, the HIMS data and the undertakings furnished by the Appellant. The issue before the Appeal Committee is whether the material subsequently placed on record establishes compliance warranting modification of the Letter of Disapproval and grant of permission for enhancement of MBBS intake from 100 to 150 seats.

12. AND WHEREAS, the **First Appeal Committee, independently examined the HIMS data for the period from 01.07.2026 to 29.07.2026, the updated AEBAS records for the period 01.07.2026 to 26.07.2026, the Physical Assessment Report and the other documents placed on record. The HIMS data reflects satisfactory OPD attendance, IPD admissions, bed occupancy, surgical workload and other clinical services, demonstrating that the attached teaching hospital presently has adequate clinical material to support enhancement of MBBS intake. The Committee also considered the**

undertaking furnished by the Appellant regarding completion of the infrastructure and continued compliance with the prescribed requirements. The updated material placed before the Committee demonstrates substantial improvement in infrastructure, hospital functioning and overall compliance. Considering the satisfactory clinical workload reflected in the HIMS data, the updated material placed on record and the undertaking furnished by the Appellant, the Committee is satisfied that the institution presently fulfils the prescribed requirement for enhancement of MBBS intake from 100 to 150 seats.

13. AND THEREFORE, in pursuance of decision of the First Appeal Committee dated 05-08-2026 (which has already been communicated to you through email by Policy & Coordination Division of NMC) Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) is hereby conveying you **Letter of Permission (LoP) for increase in intake of 50 (fifty) MBBS seats (from 100 to 150 seats) for the Academic Year (A.Y.) 2026-27 at DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Odisha subject to the following conditions.**

14. Terms and Conditions

The approval granted herein shall remain subject to strict compliance with the undertaking furnished by the Medical College and the provisions of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, the Undergraduate Medical Education Standards Regulations, 2023 and other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. In the event it is subsequently found that any statement made in the undertaking or any document furnished by the Medical College is false, misleading or incorrect, or that the medical college has failed to maintain the prescribed standards or comply with the applicable requirements, it shall be open to the Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) to initiate appropriate action, including imposition of penalties or any other action permissible under Section 26 of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, and the applicable regulations.

i. The applicant and the institution shall be solely responsible for ensuring continued compliance with the provisions of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, the regulations framed thereunder, and all directions, guidelines, advisories, and public notices issued by the National Medical Commission (NMC) from time to time. The institution shall maintain, throughout the academic year, the prescribed standards relating to physical infrastructure, hospital infrastructure, human resources, teaching faculty, clinical material, equipment, and all other statutory requirements.

ii. If, at any stage, it is found that this Letter of Permission has been obtained on the basis of any false declaration, misrepresentation, suppression of material facts, or submission of fabricated or forged documents, or if such misconduct comes to the notice of the National Medical Commission during a physical or virtual assessment, surprise inspection, or otherwise, MARB shall be at liberty to withdraw, cancel, or revoke this Letter of Permission. In addition, the institution shall be liable for such action as may be permissible under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, including denial or withdrawal of

recognition of the medical qualification and any other action deemed appropriate under law.

iii. The medical college and its attached teaching hospital shall comply with all applicable statutory requirements, including those relating to building safety, occupancy, fire safety, pollution control, environmental protection, biomedical waste management, radiation safety, and all other approvals, licences, and clearances required under the applicable laws.

iv. Government Medical College shall contribute 15% of MBBS seats and 50% of Postgraduate Broad Speciality (MD/MS) seats to the All India Quota (AIQ) for centralized counselling conducted by the Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), in accordance with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court and the applicable policy of the Government of India.

v. The medical college shall develop and maintain an official website containing updated information regarding the institution, including:
Courses offered and sanctioned intake;
Teaching faculty and their qualifications and experience;
Student admissions;
Affiliating university;
Hospital services and facilities;
Departmental infrastructure and equipment;
OPD and IPD statistics; and
Birth and death records maintained under the applicable laws.

VI The institution shall comply with the following additional conditions:

a. MARB reserves the right to withdraw, cancel, or revoke this Letter of Permission if it is found that the permission has been obtained by fraud, misrepresentation, suppression of material facts, or submission of false or fabricated documents.

b. MARB reserves the right to conduct physical and/or virtual assessments, including surprise inspections, at any stage and to take appropriate action based on the findings thereof.

c. The institution shall strictly comply with all the conditions stipulated in this Letter of Permission. MARB shall have the right to call for any information or conduct such enquiry as may be necessary to verify compliance with these conditions in both letter and spirit.

d. MARB may take appropriate regulatory action against the institution for failure to maintain the standards prescribed by the Undergraduate Medical Education Board (UGMEB) or the Postgraduate Medical Education Board (PGMEB), as the case may be, including issuance of warning, imposition of monetary penalty, reduction of intake capacity, stoppage of admissions, or recommendation to the Commission for withdrawal of recognition, in

accordance with the National Medical Commission Act, 2019, and the regulations framed thereunder.

e. The institution shall furnish all admission-related information within the timelines prescribed by the National Medical Commission from time to time. Failure to submit such information within the stipulated period shall be treated as non-compliance with the statutory requirements governing admissions and may invite appropriate action under the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

f. The medical college shall install, maintain, and ensure the continuous functioning of the Aadhaar Enabled Biometric Attendance System (AEBAS), Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance system, Hospital Management Information System (HMIS), and such other information technology systems as may be prescribed by the National Medical Commission from time to time. The data generated by these systems shall be made available to the National Medical Commission whenever required.

g. The institution shall rectify all deficiencies, if any, observed during future assessments within the period specified by MARB. Failure to do so may result in the refusal of renewal of permission or initiation of appropriate regulatory action, including withdrawal or revocation of this Letter of Permission, in accordance with the provisions of the National Medical Commission Act, 2019.

15. This Letter of Permission shall not be construed as a waiver of any statutory requirement or obligation under any applicable law. The institution shall obtain and maintain all approvals, licences, certificates, and permissions required under the applicable Central, State, and local laws throughout its operation.

16 The National Medical Commission (NMC) has received E-Bank Guarantee **No 22GT02262180004 dated 06.08.2026 for Rs. 5 Cr. (Five Crore Only**) valid for a period of six years, towards for **Increase intake of 50 MBBS seats (100 to 150 seats) Medical College as DRIEMS Institute of Health Sciences and Hospital, Odisha** in compliance of compliance of the decision of 1st Appeal Committee

17. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this Letter of Permission.

Digitally signed by
M K RAMESH
Date: 07-09-2026
17:30:59

(M.K. Ramesh)
President
Medical Assessment and Rating Board (MARB)

Copy to;

1. Additional Chief Secretary/Pr. Sec/Sec., Department of Health, Government of Odisha

2. The Director of Medical Education, Department of Health, Government of Odisha
3. The Registrar, DRIEMS University, Odisha
4. PPS to Chairman, NMC
5. PPS to Additional Secretary (Medical Education), Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi
6. PPS to Addl. Director General (ME), MCC, Directorate General of Health Services, New Delhi.
7. PPS to President, UGMEB/PGMEB, NMC
8. PPS to Secretary, NMC
9. Director (UGMEB/MARB/P&C), NMC