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Government of India  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
[Department of Health & Family Welfare]  
NCD/BC Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 7.06.2016

To

Health Secretaries  
All States/UTs.

Subject: Revision of guidelines- inclusion of DNB and DOMS ophthalmology doctors as Private practitioners to perform eye surgeries under NPCB.

Sir

I am directed to say that as per the present guidelines, MD/MS Eye surgeon with two year of work experience in ophthalmology and not working with Government on regular/full time basis fulfilling other stipulated terms and conditions, are eligible to participate as private practitioners under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB).

2. With a view to utilize available qualified surgical human resources having requisite qualification and experience, it has been decided to include DNB and DOMS Ophthalmology doctors for conducting eye surgeries as private practitioners as they are eligible to conduct eye surgeries as per MCI guidelines under NPCB subject to fulfilling the following criteria:

- (i) DNB Ophthalmology with 2 years of post graduate experience (DNB is equivalent to MS Ophthalmology and not working with Government on regular/full time basis.
- (ii) DOMS in Ophthalmology with 5 years of post PG experience (to be equivalent to a Specialist as UPSC laid down criteria of extra 3 years' experience) and not working with Government on regular/full time basis.

3. All participants shall ensure that eye surgeries are done in hospitals in complete sterile condition as per approved guidelines. All other terms and conditions for private practitioners participating under NPCB shall remain the same.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully



(Sanjay Pant)

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1. State Programme Officer (NPCB) of all States/UTs for similar action.

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2. PPS to DGHS/ JS (DP)/ DDG (Q)