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Government of India
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(Department of Health Research)

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1, Red Cross Road, New Delhi-110001
Dated, the 2nd November, 2022

To

All participating applicants in the 6th IDC Meeting
(As per the attached list)

Subject: IDC Meeting on Electrohomoeopathy, held on 17th & 18th October, 2022.

Sir / Madam,

This has reference to the detailed discussions that took place in the 'virtual' Sixth Meeting of the Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC), held under the Chairpersonship of Dr. V.M. Katoch, former Secretary (Department of Health Research) & Director-General (Indian Council of Medical Research) & Chairperson (IDC), on the 17th & 18th October, 2022, on your proposal(s) for recognition of Electrohomoeopathy as a system of medicine.

2. This was the **fourth** meeting of the committee on the issue of Electrohomoeopathy, and like this latest one, all the previous three meetings too were attended by the applicant organisations, and they were heard in detail by the committee, but all those meetings remained inconclusive as the proposals submitted to the committee were found to be lacking in scientific information / data / evidence, etc., which were inescapable in the process for appraising a healthcare system. In this connection, the Minutes of the last IDC Meeting, held on 11.01.2021, may be referred to, which is available in website of the Department of Health Research (DHR) under the icon *Acts & Circulars* → *Documents* → *Alternative System of Medicine / Therapy*.

3. Now, in the just-concluded meetings of the committee on the 17th & 18th October, 2022, the IDC has again critically examined various documents submitted by most of the applicant organisations, and also saw the 'Presentations' made before it. However, the committee has found that most of them have not adequately justified their plea *vis-a-vis* the seven criteria, which the IDC has been strictly following for appraising any proposal, seeking recognition of alternative systems / therapies. Copy of these criteria is again **enclosed** for ready reference. As explained/reiterated in the IDC meeting, the IDC wants to see more evidence *vis-a-vis* these seven criteria - documents / publications/books, and evidence about its status in different countries, etc., to facilitate taking a view in the matter. In this sixth meeting of the committee - spread over two days - **the Chairperson and other expert members of the committee have explained to each of you, individually, and generally, as to what precisely is required by the committee from you within the next four weeks, and all of you have agreed to submit the same to the committee.**

4. Therefore, while the 'minutes' of these two meetings is likely to be issued soon, in the meantime, you are hereby requested to please forward the information/ documents/ publications, etc., which the committee has asked you to submit, and you have agreed to do so. Further, since all these items would require circulation among the IDC members, about **22** copies of the same may be submitted to this office within a period of four weeks from the date of

issue of this letter. It is also desired that soft copies of the same may be submitted as well. As mentioned in the two meetings, IDC alone will examine the matter further in order to come to a conclusion in the matter, which the committee has been seized of since its first meeting on the subject, held on 09.01.2018.

Yours faithfully,



(D.R. Meena)

Director

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Copy, for information, to:

Chairperson and Members of the IDC, including the Special Invitee.

CRITERIA FOR EXAMINATION OF ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS OF MEDICINE

Essential Criteria

- *The system should have its own fundamental principles of health and disease, which must differ in concepts from those of recognised systems in the country. It should be a comprehensive system of health care and not restricted to few diseases only.*
- *Substantial literature on concepts, aetiology, diagnosis and management of diseases like textbooks including Pharmacopoeia and Formularies and preferably journals if any, should be available in the country of origin or in other countries where it is currently practised.*
- *Information on whether it is recognised officially as a system of medicine in the country of origin and / or in any other country where it is currently practised.*
- *Documented information on uniqueness of modalities of treatment may be drugs, devices or any other methods such as diet, massage, exercise, etc.*
- *Standardised methods of preparation of Drugs / Devices used in the therapy and quality control procedures should be available.*

Desirable Criteria

- *Prescribed criteria for admission, curricula and training and details of such courses and list of teaching institutions in India / countries where it is a currently recognised system of medicine.*
- *Details of continuing medical education programmes and available research facilities.*