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Minutes of meeting of the Governing Council of the Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital held on 01st December, 2022

1 A meeting of the Governing Council (GC) of the Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital (RGSSH) was held on 01.12.2022 at 11.30 AM under the Chairpersonship of Sh. Naresh Kumar, Chief Secretary, Delhi. The meeting was attended by the following officers :-

- (i) Sh. Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Addl. Chief Secretary (AR)
- (ii) Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma, Pr. Secretary (Finance)
- (iii) Sh. Amit Singla, Secretary (H&FW)
- (iv) Dr. Ritu Arora, Dean, MAMC
- (v) Dr. Subhash Giri, Director (RGSSH)

2 The following agendas were discussed:-

2.1 Agenda 1: Representation dated 22.04.2022 & 03.06.2022 of Dr. Praveen Singh

2.1.1 The Director, RGSSH made a presentation in the matter of termination / non-extension of contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh before the GC, wherein the following was informed:

- (i) an appointment letter dated 06.05.2014 was issued by RGSSH to Dr. Praveen Singh for contractual appointment for a period of one-year, inter-alia, mentioning the following:

“ ...

5. The appointment can be terminated at any time (on either side) by giving one months' notice or by paying salary for an equivalent period. The appointee is also subject to such penalty for misconduct of any type, as may be determinate with due process.

... ” (emphasis added)

- (ii) in pursuance to appointment letter dated 06.05.2014, Dr. Praveen Singh joined RGSSH as Assistant Professor (Cardiology) on 07.05.2014;
- (iii) contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh as Assistant Professor (Cardiology) on same terms and conditions was extended by then Director(s), RGSSH, from time to time, since May, 2016;
- (iv) since contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh was expiring on 28.02.2022, therefore, he applied for extension of his contract on 31.01.2022;
- (v) the same was processed on file notings dated 04.02.2022 (Annexure 5 to this Agenda Note) by the dealing hand;
- (vi) on such note dated 04.02.2022 of dealing hand, then Deputy MS RGSSH recorded as under on 09.02.2022:

“...considering extension 'X' above & 'B' at page 124/c may be persuade. However, there are several complaints against the officer which are placed in file.”





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- (vii) such note of then Deputy MS RGSSH dated 09.02.2022 was forwarded by the then MS to the then Director RGSSH on 15.02.2022, who then forwarded the same to the then Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD on 04.03.2022;
- (viii) on the basis of such note received from the then Director RGSSH, the then Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD recommended on 04.03.2022 to the then Hon'ble Minister (H&FW) to not to give any further extension to Dr. Praveen Singh;
- (ix) the then Hon'ble Minister (H&FW) on 04.03.2022 directed as follows:

"No extension may be given. Enquiry may be done for complaints received against Dr. Praveen Singh."

- (x) accordingly, H&FW Dept. issued order dated 09.03.2022 read with corrigendum dated 10.03.2022, vide which services of Dr. Praveen Singh as Assistant Professor (Cardiology) on contract basis in RGSSH was terminated;
- (xi) Dr. Praveen Singh filed a Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4349 / 2022 titled 'Dr. Praveen Singh' Vs. 'Government of NCT of Delhi & Anr.' before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, in which notice was issued to the GNCTD and RGSSH on 15.03.2022, and subsequently Hon'ble High Court in its order dated 31.05.2022 recorded as under:

"...

3. Learned counsel for the respondent however assures that, in the meanwhile, the representation preferred by the petitioner would be duly considered by the Chief Secretary."

- (xii) Hon'ble High Court subsequently passed the following order during hearing held on 02.08.2022:

"1. Despite specific directions that the representations submitted by the petitioner be decided by the Chief Secretary, the same remain unactioned even after a period of two months.

2. As prayed for, the respondent is granted further ten days' time by way of a last opportunity to comply with the last order.

3. In case before the next date the petitioner's representation remain still undecided by the Chief Secretary, the Court will be compelled to pass appropriate orders including directing coercive steps, if deemed necessary." (emphasis added)

- (xiii) Chief Secretary / Chairman of the GC directed the following vide order dated 01.09.2022:

- 1) Director, RGSSH shall ascertain the present status of complaint dated 28.03.2022 filed by the then Director, RGSSH along with action taken by Delhi Police so far;*
- 2) Reports of all four Committees be shared by Director, RGSSH with all concerned employees, including Dr. Praveen Singh, to seek their comments / inputs in the matter;*

- 3) Director, RGSSH to ascertain the reports of four Committee, duty rosters and other records to identify the Doctors, technical and para medical staff, who were responsible for death of 3 patients on 07.03.2022;
- 4) After receiving comments / inputs from all concerned on the reports of the Committees, Director RGSSH, who is also the Member Secretary to the Governing Council, shall submit para-wise recommendations of the Hospital on each observation contained in reports of all these four Committees;
- 5) Status of police complaint dated 28.03.2022; representations dated 22.04.2022 and 03.06.2022 preferred by Dr. Praveen Singh; recommendations of the Hospital as referred to in (iv) above, along with name of officers / officials responsible, be placed before the Governing Council of the RGSSH Society, preferably within a period of 6 weeks from today, for taking a considered decision in the matter.

(xiv) Hon'ble High Court passed the following order on 01.09.2022:

1. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that the learned Chief Secretary has considered the petitioner's representation and has opined that the petitioner's grievance should be considered by the Governing Council of RGSSH by taking into account the various reports referred to in the aforesaid order. He submits that a final decision is likely to be taken by the Governing Council within six weeks as directed by the learned Chief Secretary. He, therefore, prays that hearing be deferred to enable the Governing Council to take a considered decision as per the directions of the Chief Secretary.

2. At request, list on 09.11.2022.

3. It is expected that the Governing Council, while examining the matter in accordance with the directions of the Chief Secretary will also take into account as to whether the petitioner's termination preceded reports given by the various committees referred to in the order of the Chief Secretary.

(xv) accordingly, the matter was placed before the GC on 07.11.2022 wherein the GC observed as under:

Governing Council observed that there is no proposal contained in Agenda item no. 1.2 placed before it, therefore GC decided that Director, RGSSH shall circulate this agenda item in proper format (preferably as a self-contained Agenda Note) along with definite proposal and after due examination by the department of H&FW, GNCTD at least 15 days prior to next meeting of the Governing Council, which will be held on 28th Nov., 2022 at 02:30 PM

(xvi) meanwhile, the matter was again listed for hearing before the Hon'ble High Court on 09.11.2022, and the order dated 09.11.2022 of Hon'ble High Court is reproduced below:

1. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that a final decision, as per the directions of the Chief Secretary is still to be taken by the governing council of the respondent RGSSH. He, therefore, prays that hearing in the matter be deferred.

2. At request, list on 05.12.2022.

(xvii) the following proposal is now placed before the GC for its consideration:

- 1) *It is hereby requested that Hon'ble members of Governing Council may ratify the administrative decision on record, not to extend the contract of Dr. Praveen Singh as also affirmed by Services and Law Dept., GNCID.*
- 2) *The additional opinion of Law Dept. shall be considered while defending the case in court of Law, if approved by Hon'ble members of Governing Council.*

2.1.2 The GC observed that the case of Dr. Praveen Singh involved following two phases:

- (i) **Phase I: From 31.01.2022 till 04.03.2022 regarding request of Dr. Praveen Singh for extension of his contract period; and**
- (ii) **Phase II: Regarding incidents happened on 07.03.2022 and actions taken by the RGSSH and D/o Health & Family Welfare thereafter**

2.1.3 Phase I: From 30.01.2022 till 04.03.2022 regarding request of Dr. Praveen Singh for extension of his contract period

2.1.3.1 The GC was apprised about the provisions regarding appointment and extension of contract period of doctors in RGSSH are contained in Clauses 4.14, 6.6 and 7.2, of the Rules of the RGSSH Society which are as under:-

"4. Functions of the Society

...

4.14 To appoint all academic, medical, paramedical, technical, administrative, ministerial and such other staff as may be needed, for which the powers shall vest in the Governing Council.

6. Human Resource: Recruitment

6.1 Appointment of all categories of staff will be done by the Society, except for Director, Dy. Controller of Accounts and Dy. Director Administration who will be selected and appointed by the Government.

6.2 Selection Committee for Recruitment: Government shall appoint an Institute specific Selection Committee for recruitment of doctors & the selection process will be carried out at the institute. The Director of the Institute will be a member of the Selection Committee. Government reservation policy will apply.

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6.5 For appointment of Medical Officers, Specialists, Teaching faculty approval of Governing Council shall be taken. For appointment of other categories approval of the Executive Committee shall be taken, and the Governing Council shall be kept informed.

6.6 All appointments of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, technical and allied healthcare staff and ministerial/executive staff if not outsourced shall be engaged

initially on a contract for a period 5 years with a notice period of 3 months from either side for severance of contract. Further extension will be based on annual performance appraisal report upto the age of superannuation in the NCT Government of Delhi.

7. Human Resource: Tenure of Appointment

...
7.2 Extension of contract in respect of all categories of staff would be based on Annual Performance Report. For extension of the contract, redundancy/abolition of the post against which the personnel has been engaged would be taken into consideration.
...

17. Functions and powers of the Director:

17.1 The Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and shall be responsible for proper administration of the affairs and funds of the Institute, under the direction and guidelines of the Governing Council. He shall be vested with such executive and financial powers of the Institute, as may be necessary for the purpose, subject to these rules and bylaws. The Director shall be the Head of the Department, and will be assisted by the Medical Superintendent, who shall be the Head of the Office, within the meaning of the General Financial Rules.

17.2 The Director shall, subject to the provisions of these rules and bylaws and decisions of the Governing Council, exercise general supervision over all staff of the Institute.

20. Functions and Power of the Governing Council

...
20.2 The Governing Council shall generally carry out and pursue the objectives of the Institute, as set forth in the

- a) Memorandum of its Association, and,
- b) In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the forgoing provisions, subject to the provisions of these Rules and the bylaws framed by it, shall:

...
(ii) Create and abolish posts - the creation of posts of doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, ministerial staff etc. is to be carried out by the Society after obtaining approval of the Government of NCT of Delhi.

Abolish posts as and when required with intimation to Government.

(iii) Appoint Professors, Professor-Emeritus, faculty members, consultants, residents, Scientists, Scientific, technical, administrative and other officers and staff of the institute, fix their remuneration and define their duties and terms of employment.
...

31. Terms and Conditions of Service of the Staff:-

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Till the Governing Council frames Conduct Rules and Disciplinary Rules for their applicability on its Doctors & staff, CCS Conduct Rules & CCS (CCA) Rules will be applicable.

... ”

2.1.3.2 GC observed the following from relevant file notings (**Annexure 5** to this Agenda Note) and orders dated 09.03.2022 and 10.03.2022 (**Annexures 6** to this Agenda Note):

- (i) that the application of Dr. Praveen Singh was processed by the dealing hand on file notings dated 04.02.2022 (Annexure 5 to this Agenda Note) by the dealing hand, wherein the following was mentioned in paras 64 and 65 of the said notings:

“64. However, Dr. Praveen Singh, Assistant Professor (Cardiology) is going to complete his 07 Years, 9 Month and 22 days in this hospital. Vide order no. F. No. 10/117/RGSSH/2018/CD#000563247/1932-37 dated 24.08.2020, issued by D.S (Society) H&FW, GNCTD "The engagement of teaching faculty shall be on contract basis, for a maximum period upto five years (copy placed at page no. 111/c & 112/6).

65. The application of above-mentioned officer for grant of extension is recommended by the Medical Superintended (copy at page No. 120/c). However, in instant matter the recommendation for extension not recommended by Clinical Head.”

- (ii) that the then Administrative Officer was on leave and the file was sent to the then Deputy MS RGSSH, who *inter-alia* recorded the following and submitted the file to the then MS, RGSSH on 09.02.2022:

“While considering extension ‘X’ above & ‘B’ at page 124/c may be perused. However, there are several complaints against the officer which are placed in file.”

- (i) the then MS, RGSSH submitted the file to the then Director RGSSH on 15.02.2022;
- (ii) while the contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh was expiring on 28.02.2022, however, the then Director RGSSH kept the file with him till 04.03.2022 and then sent the file to the then Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD, rather than submitting it to appropriate authority in the matter i.e. the GC, and also without referring to the relevant provisions of the Rules of the Society, which governs the RGSSH Society;
- (iii) on the basis of such note received from the then Director, RGSSH, the then Pr. Secretary (H&FW), GNCTD recommended on 04.03.2022 for not giving further extension to Dr. Praveen Singh to the then Hon’ble Minister (H&FW);
- (iv) the then Hon’ble Minister (H&FW) on 04.03.2022 directed that no further extension be given to Dr. Praveen Singh and enquiry may be done for complaints received against Dr. Praveen Singh;
- (v) instead of complying with directions of Hon’ble Minister (H&FW) for non-extension of contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh, an order for his termination was issued by the H&FW Department on 09.03.2022 (to be read with corrigendum dated 10.03.2022).

2.1.3.3 The following issues needs to be determined in this matter which were observed by the GC on the basis of relevant file notings (**Annexure 5** to this Agenda Note) and termination orders dated 09.03.2022 and 10.03.2022 (**Annexures 6** to this Agenda Note):

- (i) that while Rule 6.6 of the RGSSH Society provides that contract shall be for a period 5 years initially and further extension will be based on APAR upto the age of superannuation, however, the then dealing hand has put-up a factually incorrect noting referring to the order dated 24.08.2020 of the H&FW, GNCTD issued in case of Chacha Nehru Bal Chikitsalya (CNBC), Janakpuri, and not for the RGSSH. However, the then dealing hand did not refer to the provisions of Rule 6.6 of the RGSSH Society which categorically has provisions for extension of contract beyond 5 years period on the basis of performance of contractual staff (including doctors), and at the same time this dealing hand used an order issued by H&FW, GNCTD issued in case of CNBC, Janakpuri, which was not applicable in case of RGSSH. It is also observed that "However, in instant matter the recommendation for extension not recommended by Clinical Head." as mentioned in para 65 of the said noting dated 04.02.2022 was not part of the original print-out of that note and was added by hand by the then dealing hand;
- (ii) that there were conflicting recommendations of the Medical Superintendent and Clinical Head on request of extension of contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh, as recorded in para 65 of notings dated 04.02.2022 of the dealing hand. However, the file notings is silent on examination of such conflict in recommendations of Medical Superintendent and Clinical Head, and as to whether Medical Superintendent was competent or the Clinical Head was competent or both were competent to report performance of Dr. Praveen Singh during the relevant past year viz. from 01.03.2021 till 31.01.2022;
- (iii) normally, minimum period required for writing performance report of any officer by his controlling officer is minimum three months. What was the procedure followed by RGSSH w.r.t. writing of performance report of doctors of RGSSH at that time?
- (iv) the period for which Medical Superintendent was controlling officer of Dr. Praveen Singh and period for which Clinical Head was controlling officer of Dr. Praveen Singh is to be informed;
- (v) what were the complaints against Dr. Praveen Singh which were referred to by the then Deputy MS RGSSH Dr. Namrata Makkar in her note dated 09.02.2022, but even subjects of such complaints were not mentioned in file notings?
- (vi) when did then Deputy MS RGSSH received such complaints and from whom?
- (vii) as to whether these complaints were examined by the then Deputy MS RGSSH or any other authority after receiving the same, and if yes, what are the findings in this regard? If not, reasons therefor be provided.
- (viii) as to why the then Director RGSSH Dr. Sanjay Aggarwal kept the file with him during the period 15.02.2022 till 04.03.2022, especially when the period of contract was expiring on 28.02.2022?

- (ix) as to how, the then Director RGSSH, who is also the CEO of the RGSSH (Rule 17.1) and exercise supervision over all staff (Rule 17.2) allowed Dr. Praveen Singh to continue in RGSSH from 01.03.2022 onwards while keeping his file for extension pending with him?
- (x) as to why the then Director, RGSSH did not decide the matter of extension of contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh at his own level, which was the practice since the year 2016?
- (xi) as to why the then Director, RGSSH, who is also the Member Secretary to the GC, did not propose to schedule a meeting of the GC to take a decision in the matter in case he found himself not competent to take such decision?
- (xii) as to why the then Director RGSSH did not submit the file to the Chairman of the Governing Council and instead send the file to Health & Family Welfare Department, without mentioning the provisions of Rules 6.1, 6.5, 6.6 17.1, 17.2, 20.2(b)(iii) etc. of the Society which provides that Director is the CEO of the RGSSH & exercises supervision over all the staff, and that the Competent Authority to appoint (which also includes removal / suspension) is the GC and not the Department of Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD?
- (xiii) as to why GC should not take action against the then Director RGSSH for bypassing the GC by referring the proposal to the Department of Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD in violation of Rules of the Society?
- (xiv) as to why the then Director RGSSH should not be held primarily responsible for the incidents happened on 07.03.2022, as it was he who did not act during the period 09.02.2022 till 04.03.2022 against Dr. Praveen Singh despite complaints as mentioned by Deputy MS RGSSH in her notings on 09.02.2022 and allowed him to continue in RGSSH even after expiry of his contract on 28.02.2022, which had allegedly resulted into incidents happened on 07.03.2022?
- (xv) what action was taken by the then Director RGSSH on the directions dated 04.03.2022 of the then Hon'ble Minister (H&FW) to enquire into the complaints which were referred to by the Deputy MS RGSSH in his notings dated 09.02.2022?
- (xvi) what are the findings of the inquiry on such complaints mentioned in note dated 09.02.2022, if any such inquiry took place?
- (xvii) if not, why action shall not be taken against the then Director RGSSH for obtaining a decision from Hon'ble Minister at one end on the basis of such complaints mentioned in note dated 09.02.2022 and subsequently not acting on such complaints, despite specific directions dated 04.03.2022 of Hon'ble Minister to inquire into such complaints referred in note dated 09.02.2022?
- (xviii) as to why an order dated 09.03.2022 (read with order dated 10.03.2022) was issued by the H&FW Department, GNCTD for termination of Dr. Praveen Singh when the then Hon'ble Minister directed to not to extend his contract, which expired on 28.02.2022 with efflux of time?




- (xix) as to why termination order dated 09.03.2022 was issued without seeking any explanation of Dr. Praveen Singh on the allegations contained in complaints mentioned in notings dated 09.02.2022 of then then Deputy MS, RGSSH?
- (xx) as to whether such order dated 09.03.2022 (read with order dated 10.03.2022) for termination (instead of non-extension of contract period of Dr. Praveen Singh) was issued by the H&FW Department, GNCTD, to ratify working of Dr. Praveen Singh in the RGSSH during the period 01.03.2022 till 08.03.2022 without any valid contract?

2.1.3.4 Accordingly, GC decided that following actions be taken by the Director RGSSH at first instance, to enable the GC to take a considered decision on the proposal mentioned in Agenda 1 w.r.t. Dr. Praveen Singh:

- (i) explanation of the then dealing hand be called by the present Director RGSSH w.r.t. issues mentioned at paras 2.1.3.3(i) above within a weeks' time, and submit reply of the then dealing hand along with para-wise comments of present administration of RGSSH thereon for consideration of the GC;
- (ii) explanation of the then Deputy MS RGSSH be called by the present Director RGSSH w.r.t. issues mentioned at paras 2.1.3.3(v) to (vii) and (xv) to (xvii) above within a weeks' time, and submit reply of the then MS RGSSH along with para-wise comments of present administration of RGSSH thereon for consideration of the GC;
- (iii) explanation of the then MS RGSSH, who submitted the file to the then Director RGSSH on 15.02.2022 be called by the present Director RGSSH w.r.t. issues mentioned at paras 2.1.3.3(v) to (vii) and (xv) to (xvii);
- (iv) explanation of the then Director RGSSH be called by the present Director RGSSH on behalf of GC w.r.t. issues mentioned at paras 2.1.3.3(viii) to (xvii) above within a weeks' time, and submit reply of the then Director RGSSH along with para-wise comments of present administration of RGSSH thereon for consideration of the GC;
- (v) information be sought w.r.t. paras 2.1.3.3 (xviii) to (xx) from H&FW Department, GNCTD;
- (vi) present Director RGSSH to also provide necessary clarification w.r.t. observations mentioned at para 2.1.3.3 above for consideration of the GC.

2.1.3.5 It was also informed to the GC that a RGSSH has filed a counter-affidavit dated 28.04.2022 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4349 / 2022 titled 'Dr. Praveen Singh' Vs. 'Government of NCT of Delhi & Anr.' before Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, inter-alia stating that:

"A committee for examining various misconducts of the petitioner including financial irregularities alleged to be committed by him has already been constituted. The one-month salary in lieu of immediate termination of the Petitioner will be released after deducting the quantum of financial irregularity as examined and as assessed by the aforesaid committee."

2.1.3.5 Therefore, the GC further decided that the present Director RGSSH shall place the following along with the relevant agenda before the GC for consideration in next meeting of the GC:

- (i) (a) complaints of financial irregularities done by Dr. Praveen Singh as mentioned in the counter-affidavit; (b) order of constitution of Committee(s) to examine these complaints of financial irregularities, if any; (c) the authority(s) which approved constitution of such Committee(s); (d) findings of such Committee(s), if any; and (e) action taken, if any, on such findings of such Committee(s) regarding financial irregularities done by Dr. Praveen Singh;
- (ii) as to whether provisions of Rule 31 of the RGSSH regarding applicability of CCS (Conduct) Rules and CCS (CCA) Rules would be applicable in case of Dr. Praveen Singh;
- (iii) as to whether any action against any contractual doctor, including Dr. Praveen Singh, of RGSSH for misconduct can be taken without issuance any show-cause notice to him to hear him/her;
- (iv) As to whether any submissions were made before the Hon'ble High Court in the said counter-affidavit, which are contrary to the factual position (like, linking the issuance of order dated 09.03.2022 which was taken on the basis of complaints referred to in notings dated 09.02.2022 of the then MS-RGSSH, with subsequent complaints received after 09.02.2022 or incidents happened on 07.03.2022, etc.). If so, reasons therefore, along with explanation of concerned officers / officials for filing factually incorrect information before Hon'ble High Court under oath.

2.1.3.6 The GC also decided that the proposal of Agenda I be placed for consideration of the GC along with information (as sought in paras 2.1.3.4 and 2.1.3.5 above), explanation of concerned officers (as sought in para 2.1.3.4 above), and various representations submitted by Dr. Praveen Singh along with comments of present Director RGSSH thereon in next meeting of the GC, which may be scheduled on 23.12.2022.

2.1.3.7 Since the earlier decision in this matter was taken by the then Hon'ble Minister (H&FW), GNCTD, the GC also decided that a copy of minutes of this meeting of the GC be sent to the Office of Hon'ble Minister (H&FW), GNCTD for his kind information.

2.1.4 Phase II regarding incidents happened on 07.03.2022 and actions taken by the RGSSH and D/o Health & Family Welfare thereafter

2.1.4.1 The GC observed that the unfortunate incidents of death of three people happened on 07.03.2022 in the RGSSH, pursuant to which several inquiry committees were constituted and even simultaneously without waiting for one committee to finish its work, without informing the GC.

2.1.4.2 The GC observed that the then Director RGSSH did not find it fit to inform the GC about such incidents happened on 07.03.2022, which were widely covered in media and brought bad name for the Hospital.

2.1.4.3 Therefore, GC decided that explanation of the then Director RGSSH be also sought by the present Director RGSSH (on behalf of GC) as to why the then Director RGSSH did not inform GC about the said incidents dated 07.03.2022 and as to whether non-informing such incidents to GC were due to the reasons as it was the then Director RGSSH who allowed Dr. Praveen Singh to continue for the period 01.03.2022 till 08.03.2022 even after expiry of contract period on 28.02.2022, while at the same time sitting over the file of extension of Dr. Praveen Singh during the period 09.02.2022 till 04.03.2022.

2.1.4.4 The GC noticed that such deaths happened on 07.03.2022 involve issues related to professional misconduct / criminal misconduct, and that the RGSSH has already filed a complaint with Delhi Police in this matter.

2.1.4.5 It was informed to the GC that Delhi Police has already referred the matter to the Delhi Medical Council (DMC) [which is a specialized body looking after professional conduct, etiquette and ethics for registered Medical Practitioners] for giving its opinion so that an appropriate action may be taken in respect of criminal complaint. It was informed to the GC by Director, RGSSH that the report of DMC is still awaited.

2.1.4.6 Further, GC observed from the report dated 04.08.2022 (**Annexure 16** to the Agenda I) of the High Level Expert Committee that it completed fact finding work regarding issues relevant to the scope of the inquiry but could not submit the final report due to non-cooperation of Dr. Praveen Singh for the reasons mentioned in that report, and for this reason the Committee sought further directions to fulfil its mandate.

2.1.4.7 The GC observed that the High-Level Expert Committee completed the fact finding and could not submit the final report due to non-cooperation of Dr. Praveen Singh.

2.1.4.8 The GC observed that while Competent Authority to take decision w.r.t. continuation / termination of contractual services of Dr. Praveen Singh is the GC and is presently seized of the matter, at the same time Delhi Police and DMC seems to be working in the matter w.r.t. professional misconduct / criminal misconduct of Dr. Praveen Singh.

2.1.5 GC also observed that Hon'ble High Court vide its order dated 01.09.2022 asked the GC to examine as to whether the termination of Dr. Praveen Singh preceded reports given by the various committees referred to in the order of the Chief Secretary. In this regard, GC observed that the decision of not extending of the contract of Dr. Praveen Singh was taken by the Health & Family Welfare Department on 04.03.2022, and thus such decision preceded the various reports which were submitted by the various Committees to inquire into the incidents happened subsequently on 07.03.2022.



2.2 Agenda 2: Nominations of seven members of Governing Council

2.2.1 The above agenda was discussed amongst members of the Governing Council (GC). The names proposed by Director, RGSSH, Delhi were deliberated and after taking into account their experience and relevant speciality, GC recommended nomination of persons as per details given below:-

- 1) Nomination under clause 12.1 - S. No 6 to 8, three eminent specialists from Government Hospitals, as below:-

- i. Dr. Atul Goel, DGHS, Govt. of India.
- ii. Dr. Anil Aggarwal, Director, GB Pant and Dir. Prof. Gastro -surgery, Delhi.
- iii. Dr. B. L. Sherwal, Medical Supdt. Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi.

Panel of two eminent specialists from Govt. Institutions was also prepared and to be utilized in case any of the above three eminent specialists decline the offer, as per the priority list below:-

- i. Dr. R. Goswami, HOD and Prof. Department of Endocrine, AIIMS, Delhi.
- ii. Dr. Piyush Gupta, Principal UCMS, Delhi.

- 2) Nomination under clause 12.1 - S. No 9 to 12, four eminent specialists from Private Hospitals, are as below:-

- i. Dr. B.K. Rao, Former Chairman NABH currently Chairman Appeals Committee NABH, Delhi.
- ii. Dr. O.P. Yadav, CEO, National Heart Institute, New Delhi.
- iii. Dr. Jayashree Sood, HOD, Anaesthesia, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.
- iv. Dr. Deepak Lahoti, Director, Gastroenterology, MAX Hospital Patparganj, Delhi.

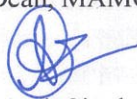
Panel of two eminent specialists was also prepared and to be utilized in case any of the above four eminent specialists decline the offer, as per the priority list below:-

- i. Dr. K. K. Sethi, Director Cardiology, Delhi Heart and Lung, Delhi.
- ii. Dr. Col. Akhil Mishra VSM, Nephrologist, Apollo Hospital, Delhi.

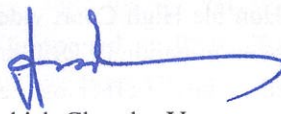
3. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.



Dr. Rita Arora
Dean, MAMC



Amit Singla
Secretary (H&FW)

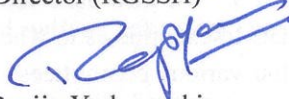


Dr. Ashish Chandra Verma
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Naresh Kumar
Chief Secretary, Delhi


Dr. Subhash Giri
Director (RGSSH)


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