

Draft model complaint letter

BHMS doctors Practicing as Dermatologist/Skin Specialist/Cosmetologist/Trichologist

Drafted on behalf of ITAQ by Dr. Putta Srinivas- Chairman and Dr. Rajesh Buddhadev - Convener

Date

To,

The Principal Secretary for Medical Health/ Director of Public Health/ District Medical & Health

Officer/Chief Medical Officer of Metropolitan Municipal Corporation/-----Municipal Corporation

(Delete whichever is not applicable).

Respected Sir

Subject- Complaint against Dr.----- having
BHMS qualification but claiming and **practicing as dermatologist/skin
specialist/cosmetologist/trichologist** in violation of **Govt. Notification vide Memo
No.8914/L2/97-1 dated, 17.3.1997**

We would like to bring to your kind attention that Dr.----- having
qualification as BHMS but without any recognized post graduate qualification in dermatology is
claiming to be a dermatologist and practicing as a dermatologist at (address-----)and
doing dermatology related procedures like cosmetology, aesthetics, and dermatosurgical procedures.
Practicing and claiming as a specialist without any recognized post graduate qualification can amount to
quackery which will not only pose a risk to the health of innocent patients but also people will lose faith
in the medical profession.

Further, this could amount to violation of Govt. **Notification vide Memo No.8914/L2/97-1 dated 17.3.1997 and the Supreme Court Judgment in Poonam Verma Vs. Dr. Ashwin Patel.** The relevant extract of the said notification is as follows:

‘In pursuance of the above Judgments, a person having obtained qualification in particular system of medicine can practice medicine in that system of medicine. If a person having qualification in alternative medicine or Ayurveda Medicine or Homeopathy or Unani and found practicing Modern Medicine, he /she is liable for disciplinary action by the authorities of AYUSH. If a person having qualification in other system of medicine and prescribing drugs of Modern Medicine, he/she is liable for prosecution as per the provisions contained in Drugs Act/Drugs Rules.’

“Homeopathic doctors prescribing or practicing Allopathy is considered as negligence.”

Hence, we sincerely request you take up the complaint and take necessary action in the interest of safeguarding the interests of patients and also protecting the image of medical profession.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

President

-----State Chapter of IADVL,

Secretary,

-----State Chapter of IADVL,

