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New Delhi, May 20, 2024- The Special Task Force, Uttar Pradesh (STF) released a press note on May 19, 2024 declaring the news pertaining to the arrest of two individuals made by the STF in Lucknow. The arrested individuals were allegedly involved in making fake educational certificates related to D. Pharma and B. Pharma courses, fraudulent admissions to medical courses, including MBBS, and the operation of illegal medical stores and clinics. According to the said press note, the two individuals who are arrested by the STF, allegedly collected significant sums of money by creating fake D.Pharm, B.Pharm academic marksheets/certificates. However, the Pharmacy Council of India wishes to clarify that it does not fully endorse the findings presented in the said press note released by the STF on May 19, 2024.

It is hereby stated that the Pharmacy Council of India is a statutory body constituted under the Pharmacy Act, 1948, with an objective of regulating the pharmacy education and practice of profession of pharmacy in India.

The Pharmacy Council of India grants approval for the conduct of the course of study for pharmacists under Section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948. The Section 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 has been reproduced hereinbelow:

"12(1) Any authority in a State which conducts a course of study for pharmacists may apply to the Central Council for approval of the course, and the Central Council, if satisfied, after such enquiry as it thinks fit to make, that the said course of study is in conformity with the Education Regulations, shall declare the said course of study to be an approved course of study for the purpose of admission to an approved examination for pharmacists.

(2) Any authority in a State which holds an examination in pharmacy may apply to the Central Council for approval of the examination, and the Central Council, if satisfied, after such enquiry as it thinks fit to make, that the said examination is in conformity with the Education Regulations, shall declare the said examination to be an approved examination for the purpose of qualifying for registration as a pharmacist under this Act.

(3) Every authority in the States which conducts an approved course of study or holds an approved examination shall furnish such information as the Central Council may, from time to time, require as to the courses of study and training and examination to be undergone, as to the ages at which such courses of study and examination are required to be undergone and generally as to the requisites for such courses of study and examination."

Also, Section 46(2) (g) of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 empowers the State Governments to make rules, by notification in the Official Gazette which *inter-alia* prescribes the particulars to be stated and the proof of qualifications to be provided while making applications for registration as Pharmacist. Therefore, the registration of pharmacist(s) is the sole responsibility of the concerned State Pharmacy Council constituted under Section 19 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948. The registration of Pharmacists is done under Section 33 of the Act by the respective State Pharmacy Councils after satisfying the conditions enumerated in Section 32(2) of the said Act.

In light of the aforesaid, it is hereby clarified that the process of registration of Pharmacists in the State of Uttar Pradesh is overseen by the Uttar Pradesh State Pharmacy Council, which operates under the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh. It is suggested that the Uttar Pradesh State Pharmacy Council should thoroughly examine the sensitivity of the findings presented in the STF report.

In response to recent allegations, the Pharmacy Council of India categorically denies any wrongdoing. The STF report lacks a thorough examination of the linkages with the PCI. The PCI recommends a more comprehensive investigation in the present matter to establish the truth.

It is reiterated that the Pharmacy Council of India is committed to transparent and fair investigations. The PCI emphasizes transparency and fair investigations in the present matter, encouraging the STF in Uttar Pradesh to conduct further inquiries and address any discrepancies in its findings. The Council remains committed to upholding the integrity of pharmacy education and the profession, ensuring justice.



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