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Red Cross Road, New Delhi-110001.
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NOTICE

Subject: Mechanism for consideration of proposals for recognition to new / alternative systems of medicine.

This has reference to the 'Notice', dated 28.02.2017 (reference no. V.25011/436/2016-HR), which is available on this website under the caption "Alternative Systems of Medicine & Therapy" under the icon "Acts & Circulars".

2. The said 'Notice' prescribes the broad manner in which a proposal, seeking recognition of an alternative system of health care, is to be formulated and submitted, for examination by the 'Inter-Departmental Committee for identifying viable new systems of medicine / therapy' (IDC). It has now been recommended by the IDC that, in addition to such proposals being formulated and submitted in the manner as advised in the said 'Notice', such proposals must also be adequately justified under each of the following seven criteria :

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- 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.

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- Details of continuing medical education programmes and available research facilities.

3. In view of the above, any person or body, while forwarding proposals, seeking recognition to new, i.e., alternative systems of medicine, for examination by the said Inter-Departmental Committee, should ensure the requirement, mentioned at para-2 above.


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To

All stakeholders / public at large

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