



Annexure - 2

**Shri. L.V. Subrahmanyam, IAS****Principal Secretary**Health Medical and Family Welfare Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh20<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Dear Sir,

**Sub:** Request permission for utilizing the facilities of the Government District Hospital, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh for establishing a Medical College in the District.

**Ref:** Medical Council of India Notification No. 34(41)/2013-Med dated 28<sup>th</sup> Oct'2013 and our discussions on 2<sup>nd</sup> May'15 at your office.

In the last decade, the Indian healthcare sector witnessed a phenomenal growth by improving accessibility and harnessing the right technology for better clinical outcomes. It has been estimated that India will need an additional 13 Million Health Professionals by 2022 which includes Doctors, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals, Support Service Personnel and Professional Managers.

Being at the forefront of Indian healthcare, the Apollo Hospitals Group feels a strong sense of responsibility to align its expansion plans with the needs of the country. Today, the Group is addressing this existing need-gap through its various initiatives towards skilling, up-skilling and re-skilling of talent to ensure best in class healthcare service delivery with positive outcomes.

Taking into consideration the above commitment, the Apollo Hospitals Group is establishing a unique integrated campus "The Apollo Health & Knowledge City (AHKC)" in Chittoor District to cater healthcare services and employment opportunities to the populace of the rural and urban areas of Chittoor district as well as the state of Andhra Pradesh. AHKC shall be positioned as a Regional and International Centre for clinical and academic excellence at Chittoor to shoulder the burden of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. This Integrated Campus will provide the requisite knowledge and skills for developing healthcare professional talent pool duly supported by a teaching hospital which will provide quality, accessible, affordable healthcare services to the community.



The facilities would comprise of a 1,200 bed Teaching Hospital (initially being set up as a 300 bed facility which will scale up to 1,200 beds), Medical College with 150 admissions initially (with a capacity to scale to 250 admissions), Dental, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Management Institute, Skill Development Centre, University Block, CBSE School, Simulation Labs, Centralized Library, Research Centre, Natural Treatment Centre, all under one roof.

As the first step for making the Chittoor Campus as a Regional and International Centre for clinical and academic excellence, AHERF, a Registered Society is working towards starting a Medical College with 150 admissions initially at the Campus by August 2016.

As per the Establishment of Medical College Regulations 1999 amended upto October 2012 Clause 2 (5) of the Qualifying Criteria there is a requirement for the applicant to own and manage a 300 bed Hospital capable of being developed into a Teaching Institution. However, as per Medical Council of India amended notification 34(41)/2013-Med dated 28th October 2013. Clause 2(5) of the Qualifying Criteria has been substituted as "Provided that an appropriate Government shall be permitted to allow the utilization of the facilities of a hospital owned and managed by it for establishing a Medical College by a person / agency by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for this purpose." Provided further that the clinical material, human resources and physical infrastructure including beds are as per the relevant minimum standards requirement, Regulations.

In our case, though the Medical College will be ready for inspection and admissions for August 2016, our Associated Teaching Hospital will be ready in 3 years from the date of commissioning the college. As Teaching Hospital is a requirement to start a Medical College as per the Qualifying Criteria/Standards, we are requesting the Government of Andhra Pradesh to kindly support us by giving permission to utilize the facilities of the Chittoor District Government Hospital owned and managed by the State Government for Clinical Training to our Medical Students.

Our Team has made certain preliminary observations of the existing facilities in the Chittoor District Government Hospital and has identified certain areas to be reorganized as per the MCI Guidelines. AHERF will bring in the necessary resources (finances and manpower) to be in par with the Minimum Standard Requirements. Some of the areas which will be addressed are:

- Setting up of a Critical Care Trauma Unit with Intensive Care beds
- Upgrading the Operation Theatres
- Knowledge transfer to improve Operational Efficiency of Management Standards of the Government Hospital and the Pharmacy.
- Up-Skilling of the existing Healthcare Personnel of the Hospital at different levels.



Taking into consideration the above, we request you to kindly permit the Apollo Hospital Education & Research Foundation (AHERF) to use the Chittoor District Government Hospital as a Teaching Hospital for Clinical Training for a period of 3 years through a Memorandum of Understanding as required by the Medical Council of India.

Regards

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Secretary

Apollo Hospital Education & Research Foundation

Encl: MCI notification dated 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2013 & draft MOU

CC: The Joint Secretary to Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh