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Subject:- Advisory regarding Final Year Postgraduate [Diploma/MD/MS] students in view of extraordinary situation due to outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic- Reg.

It has come to the notice of the Board of Governors in supersession of the Medical Council of India that due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Final Year Examination of Postgraduate Courses [Diploma/MD/MS] has been delayed.
- Counselling for admission to Postgraduate courses has also been delayed. Consequently, the start of academic session 2020-21 is delayed and new batch of PG students are yet to join their respective Colleges.

2. Therefore, keeping in view these circumstances, it is advised that the concerned Medical Colleges/Universities in which Final Year Examinations have not been completed should complete this exercise, as soon as the situation is conducive for holding Final Year PG Examinations. Furthermore, in order to ensure that there is no shortage of Residents in handling the COVID-19 Pandemic, the services of these Postgraduate students as Residents may be continued to be utilized until fresh batches of Postgraduate students have joined.

3. All Medical Institutions, including Central/State Government or Private Institutions are also advised to continue: (a) Availability of accommodation; and (b) Payment of Stipend; to all such Final Year Postgraduate students during this extended period.

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