

PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA

***(Annual Report on the Activities of the Council during 2013-2014)
(1st April, 2013 to 31 March, 2014)***

The Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) is a body constituted under section 3 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 to regulate the profession and practice of Pharmacy. The Central Council consists of the following members, namely:-

- a) six members, among whom there shall be at least one teacher of each of the subjects, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacy, pharmacology and pharmacognosy elected by the University Grants Commission from among persons on the teaching staff of an Indian University or a college affiliated thereto which grants a degree or diploma in pharmacy;
- b) six members, of whom at least four shall be persons possessing a degree or diploma in, and practising pharmacy or pharmaceutical chemistry, nominated by the Central Government;
- c) one member elected from amongst themselves by the members of the Medical Council of India;
- d) the Director General, Health Services, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorized by him in writing to do so;
- dd) the Drugs Controller, India, ex officio or if he is unable to attend any meeting, a person authorised by him in writing to do so;
- e) the Director of the Central Drugs Laboratory, ex officio;
- f) a representative of the University Grants Commission and a representative of the All India Council for Technical Education;
- g) one member to represent each State elected from amongst themselves by the members of each State Council, who shall be a registered pharmacist;
- h) one member to represent each State nominated by the State Government, who shall be a registered pharmacist:

OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL

The Council is responsible for -

- ◆ Prescribing minimum standards of education required for qualification as a pharmacist;
- ◆ Uniform implementation of educational standards;
- ◆ Approval of course of study and examination for pharmacists;
- ◆ Withdrawal of approval;
- ◆ Approval of qualifications granted outside India; and
- ◆ Maintenance of Central Register of pharmacists.

The Central Council constitutes an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the Vice President and five other members elected from amongst its members. In addition, the following, other committees, are functioning in the Council:-

- a) The Education Regulations Committee
- b) The Professional Pharmacy and Public Relations Committee
- c) The Law Committee
- d) The Finance Committee

The following are the office bearers and the officers of the Council during the year under report:-

1. Prof. B. Suresh- President
2. Shri D. Chakrabarty- Vice- President
3. Smt. Archana Mudgal- Registrar-cum-Secretary
4. Shri Anil Mittal- Assistant Secretary

ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL DURING 2013-2014

1. Inspections arranged

The Council arranged 1318 inspections of diploma, degree and Pharm.D. institutions.

2. Meetings of the Central Council and its Committees:-

A) Central Council Meetings held on:-

- 20th & 21st July, 2013
- 20th & 21st August, 2013

B) Executive Committee Meetings held on:-

- 17th May, 2013
- 19th July, 2013
- 19th August, 2013
- 29th & 30th November, 2013
- 10th & 11th February, 2014
- 29th & 30th March, 2014

C) Finance Committee Meeting held on:-

- 19th July, 2013

D) Joint meeting of PCI and State Pharmacy Councils / Registration Tribunals held on -

- 15th April, 2013

Outcome of the Meetings :-

- Approval of 308 Diploma & Degree institutions was extended u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 120 new Diploma & Degree institutions were granted approval u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.
- 31 new Pharm.D institutions were granted approval for the conduct of course.
- 10 New Pharm.D (Post Baccalaureate) institution were granted approval u/12 of the Pharmacy Act, 1948.

3. Present status of Approved Pharmacy Institutions in the Country:-

Courses	Approved institutions	Admission capacity
Diploma in Pharmacy	710	42,282
Degree in Pharmacy	930	62,375

4. Continuing Education Programmes

- Continuing Education Programmes (CEPs) play an important role in the growth of the knowledge bank of the pharmacists. The PCI from its own resources is giving financial assistance of Rs.10,000/- per course subject to ceiling of 12 course per annum to the State Pharmacy Councils for the conduct of CEPs for pharmacists.

5. Grant under 11th Five Year Plan

- A new initiative for strengthening/upgradation of Pharmacy institutions and continuing education programme for pharmacy teachers and practicing pharmacists was approved by the SFC under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Health & Family Welfare) for Rs.85.00 Crores during 11th Five Year Plan. However the scheme could not be implemented during 2011-2012. As desired by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, the scheme in the modified format of EFC has been sent to the Ministry for implementation during 12th Five Year Plan.

6. Implementation of Right to Information Act, 2005

- The Council has implemented the above Act in letter and spirit. The information sought is promptly given within the stipulated time.

7. Revised Budget Estimates

- The Revised Budget Estimate of the Council for the year 2013-2014 is Rs.914.49 lacs.

8. Pharmacist's Day and Pharmacy Awards

- PCI declared Pharmacist's Day to be celebrated on 25th September, every year. Accordingly, PCI celebrated the Pharmacist Day for the first time on 25.9.2013 at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi.

9. New Regulations

- PCI has forwarded the following Regulations to the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for approval -
 - a) Minimum Qualification for Teachers in Pharmacy Institutions Regulations, 2014.
 - b) The Master of Pharmacy (M.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014.
 - c) Pharmacy Practice Regulations, 2015.
 - d) Bachelor of Pharmacy (Practice) Regulations, 2014.
 - e) The Bachelor of Pharmacy (B.Pharm) Course Regulations, 2014.

10. Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Pharmacy Colleges, 2012

- The Pharmacy Council of India Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Pharmacy Colleges, 2012 have been notified in the Gazette of India.

11. PCI Website

- PCI website is updated on daily basis. During the period from 23rd June, 2013 to 29th June, 2013 - total number of visits on PCI website were 10,133, out of which 9,770 were from India, 134 from US, 89 from Finland, 37 from United Arab Emirates, 32 from Saudi Arabia, 24 from UK, 15 from Oman, 11 from Canada, 11 from Nepal, 10 from Kuwait.

12. Students Data

- Regarding students monitoring system, student module was uploaded on Council's website and institutions have been asked to fill up the data of admissions made in their respective institutions.

13. Land for PCI

- PCI has approached the Health Ministry for allocation of land for construction of its own building.

14. Visit of U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention delegation

- A delegation of USP officials, Board of Trustee and the Council of Convention met the PCI on 15.4.2013. It was the great opportunity to PCI to learn from mutual interaction on various issues relating to pharmacy profession.

Sd-
(ARCHNA MUDGAL)
Registrar-cum-Secretary