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

It has come to the notice of the DCI that due to the outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic:

- Final Year Examination of MDS Course/Postgraduate Diploma Courses have been delayed and Counselling for admission to these 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 dental 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. The services of these Postgraduate students may be continued to be utilized until fresh batches of Postgraduate students have joined.

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

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Secretary

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5. The ADG (ME), Medical Counselling Committee, Directorate General of Health Services, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110 011.
6. The Executive Director, National Board of Examination, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi.

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