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**Regarding:** We are the students who joined MBBS in Ukraine in 2021

**Subject:** We desperately need your support for our existence

Respected Sir,

We want to bring to your kind notice that we are students who joined MBBS medical education in Ukraine in 2021 following all rules as mentioned in NEET - NTA Notification and also followed rules and regulations applicable to foreign medical education at the time of application for admission abroad.

We come under the National Medical Commission Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate Regulations dated 18.11.2021 so **can not take transfer to any other country.**

In the year 2022 after the war broke between Ukraine and Russia we were brought back to India by the Government of India under Operation Ganga.

Now we have been studying online for 2 years and parents have spent lot of money on our education. As per the law of our country online classes are not valid in India and we also know we will not be a perfect doctor unless we join offline classes.

Many of us those could afford have taken fresh admissions and many have joined mobility programme but most of us can not afford to seek fresh admissions. Students those joined mobility program too are not satisfied with the quality of education.

- ❖ We even tried going to Ukraine but due to non availability of transit visa could not; a few could.
- ❖ Even if we reach Ukraine, we will have to live in war zone for next 4 long years under life threatening conditions and our parents too will not be able to live with peace of mind.
- ❖ Indian embassy in Kiev too has written in a recent RTI reply to one of the students "Situation in Ukraine is unpredictable".
- ❖ In such a scenario going to Ukraine can not be a wise decision anymore as the country has lost its infrastructure a swell.
- ❖ **Life in Ukraine is not normal, War is on.**
- ❖ Situation in Ukraine is life threatening. We are kids of India; only Government saved our life.

We have written as huge number of letters to the Indian Embassy in Kiev, Ukraine but none did get any reply.

**In the year 2014 during Russia - Ukraine war** transfer was not allowed to Indian students as per Indian law – it was Indian Embassy in Kiev that got the special permission for transfer from the Erstwhile Medical Council of India by informing the Government of India that the situation in Ukraine was not safe so allow transfer.

**Later on 15th January, 2016, the Erstwhile Medical Council of India, New Delhi issued a Gazette Notification No. MCI/203(9)/2011-Regn/160951 (copy enclosed) that reads -**

"Provided in cases where Central Government is informed of condition of war, civil unrest, rebellion, internal war or any such situation wherein life of Indian citizen is in distress and **such information has been received through the Indian Embassy in that country then the Council shall relax the requirement of obtaining medical education: from the same institute located abroad in respect of which communication has been received from the Indian Embassy in that country**".

One time relaxation was given during Ukraine Russia War by the MCI in 2014 too. Also as per the MCI Gazette notification dated 15.01.2016 that one time relaxation can be given in war situations.

**Respected Sir**, on 18.07.2023 we met Dr. Aruna V. Vanikar, President, Undergraduate Medical Education Board, National Medical Commission and she confirmed that the National Medical Commission can allow transfer only if the Indian Embassy in Kiev informs them through proper channel as mentioned in the Gazette Notification from the Erstwhile Medical Council of India dated 15th January, 2016 No. MCI/203(9)/2011-Regn/160951.

**Respected Sir, We kindly request you to advise the Indian Embassy in Kiev to write to the National Medical Commission through proper channel about the war in Ukraine & also that the Ukraine is not safe for Indian students right now so that we are allowed to seek transfer.**

**Respected Sir**, Incase we are not allowed to transfer for further education our parents will loose huge money spent and we will loose precious 2 years of our career. Kindly help us for one time relaxation to seek transfer to some other country as situation in Ukraine is life threatening known to all.

Look forward to your kind support for us as we are innocent and have not done anything wrong but want to become perfect doctors.

Sincerely Yours,

**RAHUL KUMAR**

**RAHUL PRIYA NANDAN**