

## **THE STAND OF NIMA ON PROPOSED STRIKE ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

NIMA is established in the year 1948. NIMA is the nationwide medical professional organization which represents ISM (Indian system of medicine). NIMA represents more than 7 lak ISM doctors all over INDIA. Despite of providing excellent medical services in rural and tribal areas IMA has not considered role of ISM doctors in the national health care on the contrary IMA filed many petitions in the district as well as high court and supreme court level to prevent ISM doctors from practicing modern scientific system of medicine. IMA always called ISM doctors as quack due to such agitations in various states ISM doctors were arrested, harassed and punished.

IMA is opposing various government policies by calling a nationwide one day strike and protest on 25<sup>th</sup> of June. IMA has asked support of NIMA in this regard but unfortunately the demands in the IMA letter totally lack the problems of ISM doctors. The issue of clinical establishment and BHRC is related to ISM doctors we have already opposed the policies of government regarding that in the ministry as well as in the standing committee. The other issues like NCHRC, exit examination, dissolution of MCI, NEET, are connected to only MBBS doctors in India and not related to ISM doctors at all. Regarding the issue of Jobs IMA and IMA motivated beurocrats have always opposed ISM doctors to employ in the government machinery. In the NRHM ISM doctors are working day and night wholeheartedly but their services are kept temporarily and MBBS doctors are given extra incentives plus permanent jobs.

ISM doctors are working selflessly for many years in the deep remote areas of India. We have never objected to serve in the tribal area therefore we totally disagree with IMA about their demand of cancelling compulsory rural service for two years. NIMA has always supported IMA's agitations regarding biomedical waste, nursing home act, CPA, but the results are not satisfactory. The committees form thereafter has nominated IMA representatives who forgot to represent the problems of ISM doctors in the committee. IMA has always considered ISM doctors from the point of referring doctors and for making crowd in all agitations.

Since all these conclusions are not in interest of ISM doctors NIMA is not going to participate in the nationwide protest of IMA. We can think of supporting the protest if IMA decides to include demands of ISM doctors and make proper representation in the committees form thereafter.