

Decisions of the Council of Ministers, Government of Mauritius

(Excerpt from Mauritian Cabinet Decisions of 16 January 2015):

2. Cabinet has taken note of the Report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted by the Board of the Tertiary Education Commission in relation to DY Patil Medical College, set up in March 2014, under the chairmanship of Mr A. G. Pillay, GOSK, former Chief Justice. The objectives of the Fact Finding Committee were, amongst others, to establish facts regarding the implementation of the Clinical Training of Postgraduate Medical students of DY Patil Medical College at Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, compliance of the College with the Clinical Training Framework as per its agreement with the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, and the role and responsibility of the Tertiary Education Commission's management in ensuring compliance with its guidelines. The main findings are as follows –

(a) The Tertiary Education Commission, the University of Technology, Mauritius, the Medical Council, and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life failed to rigorously monitor compliance with the agreements signed with DY Patil Worldwide Ltd.

(b) The University of Technology, Mauritius being the awarding body, also failed to ensure compliance with all recommendations of the International Monitoring Committees and continued to extend accreditation of medical programmes every year.

(c) Though the College had been in operation since August 2012, no effective quality assurance had been conducted, especially with regard to clinical training programmes.

The recommendations of the Fact Finding Committee, amongst others, are –

(a) DY Patil Worldwide Ltd should urgently acquire land to construct a campus as required by the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Technology, Mauritius and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life.

(b) A Committee should be set up to reassess medical education and formulate a policy decision for a coherent and quality assured undergraduate and postgraduate medical education.

(c) DY Patil Worldwide Ltd should ensure that the 18 postgraduate students of the August 2013 batch are refunded the fees paid, given that the College had failed to inform them before their enrolment of the amendment of the Medical Council Act regarding registration requirements.

(d) DY Patil Worldwide Ltd should not be allowed to enroll postgraduate students until it satisfies the requirements of the Clinical Training Framework Agreement, that is, the students are registered with the Medical Council of Mauritius and have one year post internship experience.

(e) The Tertiary Education Commission should ensure that the College complies with the various agreements which it had entered into with relevant authorities and take such appropriate action it considers fit, in cases of non-compliance.

3. Cabinet has agreed that Medical Institutions, whose awarding bodies are not recognised by the Medical Council, would not be allowed to recruit students for Year 1 of MBBS Programmes until further notice.

Cabinet has further agreed to the setting up of an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising the Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research, the Minister of Health and Quality of Life, and the Attorney General to consider the case of the Mauritian students enrolled at MBBS level at Anna Medical College and DY Patil Medical College.
