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Dear Chief Secretary,

I am writing in connection with security concerns relating to healthcare establishments and professionals. In this regard, I would like to draw your kind attention to our earlier advisories dated 27th April 2021 and 9th June 2021. You will agree that any incident of threat or assault on doctors or healthcare professionals may dampen their morale and create a sense of insecurity amongst them. This may adversely affect the healthcare response system.

2. In our advisories, various remedial measures were suggested to check recurrence of such incidents, including adequate security at healthcare facilities, especially at COVID-19 designated hospitals along with controlled and restricted access to the premises; facilitation centers at the entry point to provide information as well as sharing of authenticated information regarding medical resources with public through website, helpline, etc.; deployment of quick response police teams at vulnerable locations with effective communication/ security gadgets; effective local level medical intervention along with well equipped centralized control room for monitoring and quick response, etc.

3. In the present circumstances, it has become imperative that strict action be taken against those who assault healthcare professionals. Institutional FIRs should be registered against assaulters and such cases should be fast tracked. You may also like to invoke provisions of the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Act, 2020, where applicable.

4. I would also like to reiterate that a close watch be kept on any objectionable content in social media which may exacerbate such situations. Concerted efforts should be made through posters in hospitals, social media, etc. to emphasize the valuable contribution being made by doctors and other healthcare personnel in the fight against COVID-19.

5. Further, I would request that States and Union Territories may take these measures on priority and proactively engage with members of medical fraternity to assuage their concerns.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To,

All the Members of IMA

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from IMA Headquarter to all our beloved members and leaders for all your exemplary participation and passionate involvement in our **“National Protest Day”**. We are happy to receive all your unified efforts from various corners of our country, in the form of press cuttings, photos, media clipping and videos. It is gratifying to note, along with our IMA Members, many Specialty Organisations and corporate hospitals like Apollo, Fortis, Medanta, Max Healthcare, Metro, Narayana Hrudalayas participated and legendary leaders of these corporates aired views in favour of **“Save the Saviours”**. Many Political Leaders from various parties had supported us. Due to these unified efforts, today, the Home Ministry (Government of India) has sent orders to all Chief Secretaries to ensure:

1. Violence on doctors shall be dealt with serious concern and institution should file FIR and strict action should be taken.
2. The case should be followed up in fast track and Chief Secretaries should monitor these.
3. The social media abuse should be also taken as assault.
4. A quick response police team should be placed on all vulnerable zones with effective communications gadgets.
5. Interactive dialogue shall be held with medical fraternity

IMA consider it as a very good positive quick response for which we thank the Government of India. However, our demands on Central Law with the clear-cut spelling out of cognizability, investigation authority, definite time limit, IPC or CrPC tag will continue and we will work with all your efforts to get the same.

Our unity has proved success and let us be united and go forward. Indian Medical Association HQs assures, we will continue to follow it up, make all our efforts to get safe and fearless environment to all.

Thanking you,

With kind regards,

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