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To

The Secretary
Dept of Health & Family welfare
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar

Sub: - **Enactment of Act against assault on Health/ Medical staff on duty**

Sir,

Despite countless odds, the doctors, nurses and other staffs of Health & Family welfare department have been rendering Yeoman Service to our state. But despite such contributions, a new problem has come up during the last few years directly affecting the staff involving patient care – especially sickly and dying, in a hospital setup. This new problem is nothing but physical harm in term of – Assault by the patient, patient relatives, intimidation and threat. Such instances have been reported from both Govt. as well as private hospitals including R.K Mission hospital Itanagar. Beside, a nurse was also raped in the hospital premises.

The above incidents have demoralized the entire service provider in all the hospitals through out the state and if no appropriate measure is taken to ensure safety of the health personnel immediately then the zeal and enthusiasm to work will be lost and the quality of service provided will be compromised. Representation for enactment of such Act was submitted to the Govt. by the APDA on 4th December 2009 (**APDA/GS/Misc/2009**), but no initiative was taken by the department so far.

Hence, you are **humbly requested to take necessary steps for enactment of suitable Act against assault on medical personnel on duty both in Government and private hospitals throughout the state, in order to ensure their safety**. Such Acts and provisions are already in existent in more than ten (10) states in our country. A copy of Act in Madhya Pradesh (Hindi and English version) is enclosed for reference. **(Flag A)**

Other enclosures: -

- Rape of a Nurse at PHC, Sangram; K/Kame Dist. **(Flag B)**
- Assault on Dr S. Nayil, MO, CHC, Chowkham; Lohit Dist. **(Flag C)**
- Assault on Dr B. C Sharma; DDHS(T&R) Pasighat; East Siang **(Flag D)**

Yours Faithfully

(Dr T Lollen)
President APDA

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President APDA