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Government of India  
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
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Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi  
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To,  
✓ Dr. Alexander Thomas  
President, Association of National Board Accredited Institutions  
Bangalore Baptist Hospital,  
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Subject: Equivalence of DNB degree with MD / MS in the NMC Bill, 2017- reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 29.03.2018 on the subject cited above and to say that the clause with regard to equivalence of DNB with other PG / SS qualifications under the National Medical Commission Bill, 2017 as introduced in the Lok Sabha has been amended after considering the recommendations of the Department - related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare made in its 109<sup>th</sup> Report. In terms of the said Bill, the DNB degree shall be equivalent to other PG / SS qualifications in all respects including for the purpose of teaching.

2. The amended clause of the NMC Bill, 2017 prescribes that the DNB qualifications when granted in a medical institution with attached hospital or in hospital with at least 500 beds, shall be equivalent in all respect to the corresponding PG/SS qualification and in all other cases, senior residency in a medical college for an additional period of one year shall be required for such qualification to be equivalent.

Yours faithfully,



(Amit Biswas)

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Copy to:

Dr. Shrikar Pardeshi, Joint Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, New Delhi  
w.r.t. ID No. 520/31/C/01/2018/ES.2 dated 02.04.2018.