The Government of India, vide its order No. V.12025/51/2021-DE dated 11.05.2021 ordered that "Dr. Ashok Khandelwal, Member of DCI, may discharge the functions of the President, DCI with immediate effect and till election takes place for the said post or any other order issued relevant to the said post, whichever is earlier. This temporary arrangement shall be subject to any litigation in the matter pending before any Court of law". A copy of the said order is attached herewith for information and ready reference of all the concerned.

This issues with the prior approval of the President, DCI in terms the said order of Government of India.

Copy for information to

1. The Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (DE Section), Maulana Azad Road, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi - 110011.
2. The Director General of Health Services, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi - 110011
3. All the Members of the Dental Council of India.
4. The Chairman, Union Public Service Commission, Dhoolpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi -110069.
5. The Secretaries of Medical & Health of all the State Government & UT's.
6. All the Directors of Medical & Health Service/Medical Education & Research of all the State Government & UT's.
7. The Principal/Dean of all the Dental Colleges in the country.
8. The Registrar of all the Universities (with which Dental Colleges are affiliated).
9. The Registrar of all the State Dental Councils and Registration Tribunals.
10. The Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, Ansari Nagar, Ring Road, New Delhi - 110029
11. The Hony. General Secretary, Indian Dental Association, Sane Guruji Premises, Block no.6, 1st Floor, 386 Veer Sawarkar Marg, Opp. Siddhivinayak Temple, Prebhadevi, Dadar (W), Mumbai-25 (Maharashtra)
12. The Chairman, National Medical Commission, Pocket 14, Sector 8, Dwarka, Phase-I, New Delhi-110077.
13. The President, Indian Nursing Council, 8th Floor, NBCC Center, Plot No. 2 Community Center, Okhla Phase-I, New Delhi-110020.
14. The President, Pharmacy Council of India, NBCC Centre, 3rd Floor, Plot No.2, Community Centre, Maa Anandamayi Marg, Okhla Phase-I, Landmark-(Near Hotel Crowne Plaze), New Delhi-10020.
15. The Deputy Director, National Board of Examinations, Medical Enclave, Ansari Nagar, Ring Road, New Delhi-110029.
17. The Deputy Director, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, P.O.Box No. 1075, Nagarbhavi, Opp. To NLSIU, Bangalore-560072 (Karnataka)
18. The Deputy Director, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH), Quality Council of India, ITPB Building, 5th Floor, 4-A, Ring Road, I P Estate, New Delhi-110002.
19. The Chairman, National Testing Agency, C-20 N8, Sector 62, IITK Outreach Centre, Noida-201309,
20. The Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Main Branch Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001.
21. The Branch Manager, Canara Bank, MAMC Branch, New Delhi-110002.
23. The Server Section, DCI-to upload on the website of Dental Council of India.
24. All the Sections of the Dental Council of India, New Delhi- for their necessary action.
ORDER

WHEREAS Dr. Bharath Shetty Y., Member, DCI under Section 3(d) of the Dentists Act, 1948, representing PAHER University (Pacific Academy of Higher Education and Research University), Udaipur, Rajasthan was elected to the post of Vice President, DCI on 15.12.2019;

2. WHEREAS vide Order dated 9.11.2020, the Ministry while holding the election of Dr. Dibyendu Mazumder as President, DCI as illegal and invalid directed Dr. Bharath Shetty Y., Vice President, DCI to officiate as Acting President, DCI as per Regulation 35 of the DCI Regulations, 1956. Dr. Bharat Shetty Y, Vice President, DCI assumed the charge of Acting President, DCI on 9.11.2020. The Council was simultaneously directed to frame Regulations providing for manner of election of President/Vice President, DCI. DCI was also directed to conduct fresh election for the post of President, DCI;

3. WHEREAS, vide email dated 03.05.2021, Dr. Bharath Shetty Y. informed that due to personal reason he has resigned from the post of external member of board of studies from the said University and also resigned as elected DCI member from the said University. He has also resigned as the Vice President of DCI;

4. WHEREAS, with the resignation of Dr. Bharat Shetty both the positions of President and Vice President of DCI have become vacant;

5. WHEREAS, it is noted that Regulation 39 of DCI Regulations, 1956 pertaining to Executive Committee meetings provides that "...if both the President and Vice President are absent, the member present may elect one of their members to act as Chairman". Similarly, Regulation 8(1) of the said Regulations provides that "...or if both the President and the Vice President are absent, by a Chairman to be elected by the members present, from amongst themselves." It is further noted that both these Regulations refer to situations arising out of absence of both President and Vice President, temporarily in meeting(s) of the Council/Executive Committee and not as a matter of routine when none of them is in office till the next elections. The Act as well as the rules and regulations made thereunder, are silent in such a situation.

6. AND WHEREAS, in the present scenario also, it is necessary in the public interest that DCI continues to function as an effective Regulator for the Dental Education sector. Therefore, in the larger public interest as well as with a view to ensure smooth functioning of the Council, it is essential that a temporary arrangement is made by giving charge of the President of the Council to some suitable person temporarily till conduct of the elections for the said post.
7. NOW THEREFORE, having regard to the facts and circumstances enumerated in foregoing paras the Ministry orders that Dr. Ashok Khandelwal, Member of DCI, may discharge the functions of the President, DCI with immediate effect and till election takes place for the said post or any other order issued relevant to the said post, whichever is earlier.

8. This temporary arrangement shall be subject to any litigation in the matter pending before any Court of law.

Dr. Ashok Khandelwal,
Member,
Dental Council of India,
Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110 002.

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The Secretary, Dental Council of India, Aiwan-E-Ghalib Marg, Kotla Road, New Delhi – 110002.