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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**

Nirman Bhawan New Delhi-110011  
Dated the 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016

To

National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories  
NABL House  
Plot No. 45, Sector 44,  
Gurgaon - 122002, Haryana

Sub: Qualification norms for authorized signatories for clinical lab reports –Reg.

Sir/ Madam,

It has been brought to the knowledge of this Ministry through Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) that M.Sc. and Ph.D. qualification holders are designated as authorized signatories for clinical lab reports by NABL.

2. Attention is invited towards clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 15 of IMC Act, 1956 which interalia provides no person other than a doctor having qualification recognized by Medical Council of India and registered with Medical Council of India /State Medical Council(s) is allowed to practice modern system of Medicine or surgery or sign a Clinical laboratory report. Also, Clause 5.5 in the Clinical Establishments Act standards for medical (Clinical) laboratory (CEA/aboratory -026) says that person signing and interpreting the report shall be registered with Medical Council of India/State Medical Council.

3. It is therefore requested to furnish parawise comments in this matter to this Ministry latest by 05.01.2017.

Yours faithfully



(Amit Biswas)

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