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Dear colleague,

This is in reference to implementation of Supreme Court order in the matter of North Gujarat unit of association of self-employed owners (paramedical) of private pathology laboratories of Gujarat versus North Gujarat pathologists association & Ors. (Case No. 28529/2010) regarding the signing of the Laboratory reports.

2. In this regard, it is to inform that a Gazette Notification has been published by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in respect of Minimum Standards for Medical Diagnostic laboratories under Clinical Establishments Act, 2010. The Gazette notification may be seen at weblink <http://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2018/185753.pdf> or at <http://clinicaestablishments.gov.in/WriteReadData/4161.pdf>

3. As per the notification, the laboratories have been classified into three categories, namely, basic composite, medium and advanced. The reports of the medium and advanced categories are to be signed by the doctors having Post-graduate qualification in pathology/bio-chemistry/micro-biology/laboratory medicine or doctors having MBBS with Ph.D qualification in any of the above subject. For basic composite laboratory, wherever the interpretation of the medical report is required, the same is to be signed by qualified registered medical practitioner having minimum MBBS degree and the reports which contain only numerical value/result of the test/technical analysis of samples, then signing of the report by MBBS doctors may not be essential.

4. States may like to implement the above as appropriate.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

(Manoj Jhalani)

The Principal Secretary (Health), All States and UTs