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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon'ble Governor, State of West Bengal

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We seek your kind support in our effort to dissolve the West Bengal Medical Council (WBMC) that has been riddled with incompetency and corruption. The WBMC has completely lost trust of the people of West Bengal. It has failed to control "medical negligence" and to elevate the abysmal standard of healthcare in West Bengal. The WBMC must be dismissed because:

- WBMC was/is established through botched up elections by a small group of doctors backed by a political party with hardly any knowledge or participation by the vast majority of the physicians despite categorical rule in the WBMC Act that council members should be elected by all "*registered practitioners from amongst themselves*" (Section 5-1-i).
- WBMC has many members continuing for 10-15 years and even longer (e.g. Dr. B. Roychoudhuri and Dr. S. Gangopadhyay) despite the general rule in the WBMC Act that "*the term of office of members shall be 5 years*" (Section 12-2).
- WBMC has maintained even the same President, Dr. Ashok Choudhury, for the past almost 15 years even though the WBMC Act has clearly mentioned "*The president shall hold office for a period of 5 years*" (Section 13-3).
- WBMC has routinely shielded their negligent medical colleagues through sham investigations behind closed doors as evident from their own published statistics.
- Complaints against the allegedly errant doctors are deliberately kept pending for years and decades by the WBMC despite a clear direction in the "Code of Ethics" (Section 37-iv) that decision against a delinquent doctor shall be taken "*within 6 months*".

