

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

No.Health.153/2026/112

Dated: Shillong, the 15th September, 2026

SPEAKING ORDER

Whereas, the Directorate of Health Services (Medical Education & Research), Meghalaya (DMER) issued the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for admission to the MBBS Course for the Academic Year 2026-27 vide No. DHSMER/MBBS Admission/2026-27/4454 dated 31.07.2026.

And whereas, Government has also examined the Standard Operating Procedure governing admission to the MBBS Course for the Academic Year 2025-26, together with the amendments issued thereto, being the immediately preceding counselling framework, while considering the provisions of the SOP for the Academic Year 2026-27 and the representations arising out of its implementation;

And whereas, the said SOP was prepared and operationalised within a compressed time frame in view of the counselling schedule and the requirement to commence admission against MBBS seats available to the State from the Central Pool, NEIGRIHMS, RIMS, the States of Assam and Tripura, Shillong Medical College and P. A. Sangma International Medical College;

And whereas, the stated objective of the SOP is to ensure a counselling process which is transparent, uniform, merit-based and provides equal opportunity to all eligible candidates;

And whereas, following implementation of the said SOP and publication of the Round-I allotment, significant grievances and representations have been received from candidates, parents, student organisations and other stakeholders regarding the manner in which merit position, category entitlement, college preference and seat availability were taken into account during allotment;

And whereas, representations have also raised concerns regarding the choice-filling process, including differing understandings amongst candidates regarding the number and range of institutional choices that could be submitted, and have sought a fresh and uniform opportunity for choice-filling;

And whereas, the Jaintia Students' Union (Central Body) has submitted a representation raising concerns regarding the allotment process and seeking review, rectification, greater transparency and a fresh and uniform choice-filling exercise;

And whereas, Government has examined the matter and is of the considered view that the grievances which have arisen are not merely individual in nature but relate to the manner in which certain provisions of the newly introduced SOP have operated during counselling;

And whereas, the present SOP provides for preparation of a combined merit list, category-wise ranking, consideration of eligible reserved-category candidates against Unreserved seats and submission of multiple institutional preferences; however, the experience of the first round has demonstrated the need for greater operational clarity and uniformity in the manner in which merit, category entitlement, candidate preference and seat availability are to interact during allotment;

And whereas, Government is further of the view that correction of isolated individual allotments may not adequately resolve the matter, since allotment of one seat directly affects the availability of that seat to candidates considered thereafter and may therefore have consequential effect on other allotments;

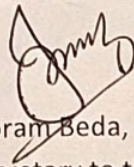
And whereas, it is considered necessary, in the interest of fairness, transparency, equal opportunity and public confidence in the counselling process, that the deficiencies and ambiguities which have become apparent during implementation of the present SOP be addressed before the allotment is treated as final;

Now, therefore, after careful consideration of the matter, the Government of Meghalaya hereby orders that the Round-I college allotment for the Academic Year 2026-27 shall be set aside for the limited purpose of conducting a fresh, uniform and transparent counselling/allotment exercise, and further directs as follows:

1. A fresh counselling and uniform choice-filling exercise shall be conducted for all eligible candidates covered by the said Round-I exercise.
2. Before commencement of the fresh counselling, DMER/MSCAMA shall issue a clarified/revised operational procedure for the Academic Year 2026-27, taking into account the SOP for the Academic Year 2025-26 amended as per minutes of the meeting dated 6th October, 2025 and shall specify the manner in which NEET merit, category entitlement, eligibility against Unreserved seats, candidate preference and seat availability shall be applied during allotment.

3. All eligible candidates shall be given the same opportunity, the same instructions and the same facility for submitting institutional preferences, and the choice-filling exercise shall be undertaken afresh before allotment.
4. The verified institution-wise and category-wise seat matrix, wherever applicable, shall be published before commencement of the fresh counselling, and allotment shall thereafter be made strictly in accordance with NEET merit, the applicable reservation policy, the preferences submitted by candidates and availability of seats.
5. The eligibility, NEET rank, category status and entitlement of candidates shall not be adversely affected merely by reason of setting aside the earlier college allotment.
6. No candidate shall suffer any penalty or adverse consequence merely for having acted in good faith upon the earlier allotment before issuance of this order.
7. DMER/MSCAMA shall maintain a complete and verifiable record of the fresh counselling, choice-filling and allotment process so that the basis of each allotment is transparent and capable of verification.
8. The revised counselling schedule shall be notified forthwith, keeping in view the timelines prescribed by the competent statutory authorities.

The present decision is a corrective administrative measure intended to ensure uniformity, fairness and equal opportunity in the counselling process.



(Dr. Joram Beda, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department.

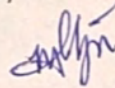
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1. PS to the Hon'ble Minister i/c, Govt. of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information to the Minister.
2. PS to the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information to the Additional Chief Secretary.
3. PA to the Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information to the Commissioner & Secretary.
4. PA to the Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya, Health & Family Welfare Department for kind information to the Secretary.
5. The Director of Health Services (MI/MCH&FW/Medical Education & Research).
6. The State Informatics Officer, NIC, Meghalaya, Shillong with a request to upload the SOP in the portal of the Health & Family Welfare Department.
7. Office copy.

By order etc.,



Under Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
Health & Family Welfare Department.