

A Sustainable Mode of Protest: A Proposal

The Drawbacks of the Strike/Dharna Model of Protest:

1. Public suffers and gets antagonized if continued for long.
2. Hence cannot be used repetitively.
3. Loss of cases to the participating doctors.
4. Difficult to get the protestors in good numbers.

Why a Different mode of Protest:

1. No loss of face in Public for going on strike and refusing to treat the sick and suffering.
2. No need to shut down clinics and nursing homes hence no loss of income.
3. No effect on the emergency care.
4. A few doctors only required at any given time. This allows rotating/relieving the doctors in 1-2 hours' shifts.
5. No Public Grudges. Hence can be organized repetitively.

What are the Requirements:

1. Place for Organizing a Free Health Care Camp.
2. Tents as per the requirement.
3. Public-Address System.
4. A few chairs and Tables.
5. White sheets in sufficient numbers.
6. Pamphlets (the reverse of which shall be used for writing prescription.)
7. Big pots 2-3 in numbers (भगौने और देग) to collect donations from the public; suitable covered with white sheets and kept in small enclosures (made with bamboo sticks and ropes), if required.
8. Placards as required , can be displayed in the camp.

What is to be Done:

1. Organize a free health care camp as usual.
2. Prescribe on the reverse of the pamphlets only. The same would be given to the patients at the registration counter.
3. Collect donations in the designated pots.
4. Count the collected money at the end of the camp.
5. Call a press conference in the end and announce the money collected.
6. Project the financial burden on the clinics/nursing homes under the CEA 2010. A suggested formula is given here.
7. Project how much more shall have to be collected from the public donations.
8. Reiterate that we refuse to increase the fee to meet the expenses as expected by the heartless legislators of the CEA 2010 hence we are seeking alms/donations from the public.

Highlights of a Press Note/Interview to the Press:

1. The present Govt. At the centre is openly anti-people. Increase in the cost of Living, cost of fuel, cost of essential commodities, newer taxes are all have been imposed by this Govt.
2. Corruption has reached new heights as seen in various scams like the 2G scam and the

- Commonwealth Games Scam. This all shows a large scale bungling of the Public Money.
3. Now the Clinical Establishment Act 2010 is going to impose another financial burden on the public by increasing the cost of healthcare.
 4. **THE FORMULA** to calculate the INCREASE in the cost of healthcare in any District:-
 1. For Nursing Homes:

1.Registration Fee	:-₹ 30,000-50,000 (anticipated)
2.Suvidha Shulk	:- ₹ 50,000
3.Cost of meeting the minimum requirements	:- ₹3,00,000-5,00,000

For Clinics:

1.Registration Fee	:-₹ 20,000 (anticipated)
2.Suvidha Shulk	:-₹ 20,000
3.Cost of meeting the minimum requirements	:- ₹20,000

Legal and other overhead expenses: ₹ 50,000 to ₹2,00,000 per year.

Therefore, Total Financial Burden (TFB) on the population of any District can be roughly calculated thus:

TFB (in ₹) = {(total no. Of NH registered with the CMO) x 8,00,000} + {(Total no. Of Clinics registered with the CMO) x 1,00,000}

5. The amount (*so projected*) shall have to be borne by the public.
6. We donot want to let the Public be penalized by the heartless legislation hence we are seeking Donations.
7. The Money thus collected shall be used to meet the requirements of Registration, Suvidha shulk, meeting the Minimum Requirements under the CEA 2010 etc. In a fully transparent manner and shall be disclosed to the Press and Public from time to time.
8. We also endeavour to make the Public aware of the Callous attitude of the Present Central Govt. So that they remember it while casting their vote in the coming elections.

The Pamphlet:

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क्लिनिकल एस्टैब्लिशमेंट एक्ट एक ऐसा अव्यवहारिक कानून है जिसके चलते चिकित्सा सुविधा कई कारणों से मँहगी हो जायेगी , यथा :-

1. अनावश्यक रजिस्ट्रेशन फ़ीस (हज़ारों रुपयों में)
2. अनावश्यक उपकरणों में खर्च
3. अनावश्यक इमारती परिवर्तन
4. भ्रष्टाचार के चलते चिकित्सकों का अनावश्यक उत्पीड़न एवं दोहन
5. फ़ैमिली डाक्टरों की संख्या में भारी कमी
6. मल्टी-स्पेशियलिटी नर्सिंग होमों की संख्या में वृद्धि तथा इसमें विभिन्न कानूनों के अन्तर्गत आवश्यक कानूनी एवं कानूनी कार्यवाही, वकील आदि की फ़ीस तथा विभिन्न दफ़तरों में लगने वाले "सुविधा शुल्क " जैसे गैर-चिकित्सकीय मदों में खर्च भी जुड़ जायेंगे। इस प्रकार इस काले कानून के चलते चिकित्सा मँहगी होकर आम आदमी की पहुँच से दूर होती जायेगी।

7. इसकी धाराओं 41,42 व 43 के द्वारा विकित्सकों का समय – बसमय आर्थिक दोहन होगा जिसकी सीमा का अनुमान भी लगाना मुमकिन नहीं है। यह भार भी अन्ततः आम जनता पर ही आयेगा।
8. इस प्रकार आपके जिले में इस काले कानून के कारण लगभग ₹----- का बोझ आयेगा जिसका प्रबंध हम इन कैम्पों के द्वारा चंदा एकत्र कर के करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं।
9. साथ ही आम जनता को जागरूक भी करना है कि वर्तमान संप्रग शासित केन्द्र सरकार मनमाने तौर पर आम जनता पर अनर्थकारी कानून थोप रही है। आने वाले सभी चुनावों में अपना बहुमूल्य वोट देते समय इसे आप अवश्य याद रखें।

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