

MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE  
EXPERT COMMITTEE ON ELECTRO-HOMOEOPATHY /  
ELECTROPATHY SYSTEM OF MEDICINE HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST, 1991 IN NIRMAN BHAWAN, NEW DELHI.

The third meeting of the Expert Committee on Electro-Homoeopathy / Electropathy System of Medicine was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1991 under the Chairmanship of Dr. S. D. Sharma, Additional Director General, in his Chamber in Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi. The following were present :

1. Dr. S. D. Sharma  
Addl. D. G. \_\_\_\_\_ In the Chair
2. Dr. Narendra Kumar  
Awasthy,  
Secretary, NEHM OF INDIA \_\_\_\_\_ Member
3. Dr. D. P. Rastogi,  
Director, CCRH. \_\_\_\_\_ Member
4. Dr. V. T. Augustine ,  
Advisor (Homeo) \_\_\_\_\_ Member-Secretary

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Second Meeting

The Minutes of the first meeting of the Expert Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1991 were confirmed.

The Chairman briefly recapitulated the terms of reference of the Expert Committee and what transpired in the two meetings held on the 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1991 and 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1991 to Prof. B. N. Dhawan

who was not present in the meeting. Prof. Dhawan observed that the Committee should also consider whether there is any official Pharmacopoeia of Electro-Homoeopathy and whether the system has got any official recognition in any part of the world.

To this, Dr. Awasthy, put forward various points in support of this claim for giving recognition to the Electro-Homoeopathy systems of medicine which are detailed below :-

I. He referred to a notification from the Government of

Maharashtra, who stated that doctors of Electro-Homoeopathy may not be prevented from practicing the system ;

II. He stated that acupuncture is also not having treatment for all diseases ;

III. He referred to a letter from the Secretary (Health) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh for development of this system ;

IV. He informed that no court case was pending in so far as this system is concerned.

On the above observation of Dr. Awasthy, Dr. Dhawan expressed a view that the committee is needed to take a balanced view and should be free to express its opinion. The fact that no court case is pending should not be a point that system should be recognized. For recognition it should fulfil at least the following requirements –

I. It should have fairly widespread acceptability ;

II. It should be rational and should have a Scientific and Logical approach and should possess all the information required.

The Chairman informed that the Committee should confine itself only to the four points as provided in the terms of reference of the Committee. Thereafter, the points of reference were considered.

During the discussion, Dr. Awasthy referred to a notification issued by the Government of Maharashtra addressed to District Magistrate / Police Commissioners / Police Superintendents of Maharashtra, dated 27.7.80, which said that no action be taken against any doctor whether registered or unregistered in this system.

Regarding the acupuncture and magnetotherapy, these are being practiced without recognition. It was, however, left that these are two different methods of treating certain group of diseases, rather a separate system of medicine.

A letter from Secretary (Health) Govt. of Uttar Pradesh mentions that "the Society may, if they so desire, arrange to treat patients to prove the efficacy of this system of treatment. If and when this system is found to be beneficial and is also generally recognized as such, the State Government will be glad to take up the question of its recognition". A point was raised about the views of experts in the field of Electro-Homoeopathy. From the perusal of the views of the experts, (see Annexure), it is observed that those were considered by the Enquiry Committee.

A question was also raised by Dr. Awasthy about the fate of various doctors in this system. In this connection, it was pointed out that this aspect was discussed in para 8 and 9 on page 39 of the Enquiry Committee Report, and is self-explanatory. Prof. Dhawan

who did not attend earlier two meetings and participated in the third meeting conveyed that the committee should give its opinion in a scientific and logical manner and should not consider recognition only for meeting the needs of people in recognition. It should be based on sound scientific, rational. Moreover, it should be broad based and the drugs used should be well standardized. He clarified that any official Pharmacopoeia of any system is issued by an authority and it is a legal document, while a formulary is merely a complication of information about drugs which totally distinct from Pharmacopoeia.

The Committee then carefully considered the four terms of reference. While coming to the conclusions, the Committee was benefited by the information provided by the earlier Enquiry

Committee. The additional information has also been provided by Dr. Awasthy. The views of some of the experts on Electro-Homoeopathy which were given to the Enquiry Committee were not included as Annexure have been now included in the Expert Committee Report.

The other additional information which has already been included in the Enquiry Committee report has not been included in the Expert Committee's Report and a copy of the earlier report is included for reference.

The Enquiry Committee Report mentions about some similarity with Homoeopathy as indicated below :-

“That, the Central Council of Homoeopathy may examine the issue as to whether it can be considered as one of the subjects to be

taught under Homoeopathy. The Council can also examine the issue regarding the suitability of the existing institutions of Electro-Homoeopathy for imparting course of Homoeopathy with Electro-Homoeopathy as a subject.”

On this aspect, Dr. Augustine mentioned that the basic principles of two systems are opposite to each other. Homoeopathy advocates, “similia Similibus Curentur” whereas Electro-Homoeopathy advocates “complexa Complexis curentur”. As such, there cannot be any similarity within the two systems. It is a fact that a mention has been made in the German Homoeopathic Pharmacopoeia about the process known as Spagiric / Cohobation process which is being followed by Electro-Homoeopathy practitioners.

Dr. Awasthy produced a letter from the then Hon'ble Deputy

Minister for Health & F.W., Shri Dasai Chaudhary addressed to Shri Jagannath Singh, Ex-M.P. In this letter No. D.O. No. 2921 / DM9

H&W) 91/VIP dated the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 1991, it has been mentioned that the Hon'ble Deputy Minister has authorized N.E.H.M. of India for the development, promotion and Research of Electropathy in India.

( see Annexure ).

( Dr. N.K. AWASTHY )

Member.