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## Med college breaches pact with BMC

Falters on providing medical officers to Rajawadi hospital, corporator seeks action

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### MORE TROUBLE

Although the medical college authorities had promised to introduce 200 more beds at Rajawadi hospital, an operation theatre and out-patient department on a 70,000sqft space, it has so far constructed a 39,627sqft building at Rajawadi hospital. The medical college has to pay up arrears to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation for utilising hospital beds for training its students at Rajawadi hospital.

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Peeved at the manner in which a Navi Mumbai-based private medical college has breached an agreement with Mumbai's civic body, a corporator raked up the issue on Thursday, saying he wants the long-pending matter sorted out at the earliest.

As per the agreement signed in 1992, the Nerul-based Dr DY Patil Medical College was to provide 35 resident medical officers and 20 lecturers to the Ghatkopar-based Rajawadi hospital which is run by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

However, the college has so far posted only 18 medical officers. Also, only five of its 20 lecturers are regular.

Bharatiya Janata Party corporator Ashwin Vyas said that the medical college has flouted terms and conditions of the agreement.

The reason the college had to sign the accord was that it did not have a full-fledged hospital of its own when courses commenced. As per rules, a medical college has to gain government approval to conduct courses. To secure approval, it must have a 700-bed hospital attached to it. The college signed the agreement with Mumbai's civic body to permit its students to acquire practical training at Rajawadi hospital. In exchange, the college was to send the lecturers and medical officers to the hospital. Last month, additional municipal commissioner (health) Manisha Mhaiskar convened a meeting with Dr Seema Malik, director of peripheral hospitals, and other senior civic doctors to consider urgent action over the flouting of norms by the medical college.

Dr Malik said that a letter has been sent to the dean of DY Patil Medical College, asking the authorities to post resident medical officers along with teaching staff.

Vyas also alleged on Thursday that certain lecturers sent to the civic hospital hold post-graduate degrees awarded in Seychelles. "Such degrees are not recognised by the Medical Council of India and those doctors cannot practise in India," said Vyas.

He said an inquiry is being conducted against two doctors from DY Patil college for alleged medical negligence that took place at Rajawadi hospital last year.

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