

## Interview Schedule on Private Practice by Government Doctors:

Name of State:

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Is private practice by government doctors legal? YES/NO

If YES- legally allowed

1. is there are cadre or sub-cadre- where it is not allowed private practice and NPA is paid?
2. In what ways does private practice affect public services?
  - In medical college hospitals and other tertiary care
  - In district hospitals and CHCs
  - and in PHCs
  - a. Referrals to private clinics- with or without poor quality care when seeing as public patient.
  - b. Reduces public service duty hours and affects their functions-
  - c. Leads to absenteeism- instead of coming to government clinic come to
  - d. Charges fees for patients even when seen during public duty hours.
  - e. Any others?
3. Are there rules that constrain or limit private practice, at least on paper? – like cannot be attached to a nursing home etc.
4. Have there been efforts to curb private practice or the ill effects of it- any past efforts to do so?
5. What is the reason why there are no curbs on private practice? Views of general administrators? Of senior directorate? of teaching college specialists?
6. Has IMA got a stand on this- does it not give those in government service an unfair competitive advantage?
7. Is there any mention of this in clinical establishments act?
8. Is there any mention of this in state funded insurance programmes?
9. If there is any cadre not allowed private practice- ( as stated in question 1) do some of them still do private practice ( on a scale of 0 to 5- where 0 is none do it, and 5 is everyone does it)

If NO- illegal:

- a) Is the banning of private practice a law, or a service rule?
- b) Are there exemptions
- c) What is the extent of private practice- on a likert scale of 0 to 5- where 0 is no one does private practice and 5 is everyone does it. Please state by following categories.
  - a. Medical College Hospitals/other tertiary care
  - b. DH and CHC
  - c. PHCs.
- d) In what ways do private practice affect public services
- e) What are measures undertaken to enforce the rules and are these effective. Are there pressures to remove the ban or dilute it.
- f) Has IMA got a stand on this- does it not give those in government service an unfair competitive advantage and moreover is illegal- or the private nursing homes associations
- g) Is there any mention of this in clinical establishments act?
- h) Is there any mention of this issue in state funded insurance programmes?

