In pursuance of the Gazette Notification dated 12/07/2018, I am directed to state that the Board of Governors considered the matter with regard to conversion of diploma seats into degree seats at Aravind Eye Hospital & Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology, Madurai along with the request of the institute received through Central Govt. alias notification dated 12/07/2018 as well as the recommendations of the PG Expert Group (BeG) on the basis of information furnished by the institute(s) as desired by the Council.

In view of above, the Board of Governors decided to allow conversion of the following recognised diploma seats into corresponding degree seats prospectively i.e. from the academic session 2019-2020 as under:

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In view of above, you are requested to issue Notifications/letter recognizing the above mentioned degree seats for the purpose of inclusion in the first schedule of the MCI Act, 1956 as it done in respect of recognition cases against increase of degree seats.

The Ministry is requested that while issuing the Notification/letter of recognition as stated above, it may be clearly stated that the said recognition was granted to degree seats created by way of surrender and conversion of diploma seats, so that the confusion as regard to timeline of recognition of degree seats is avoided.
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Pray that:

1. The Dean/Principal, Aaravind Eye Hospital & Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology, 1, Anna Nagar, Madurai 625 020 (Tamil Nadu) with the request to obtain the affiliation from the concerned affiliated University with regard to above enhanced intake capacity of the degree courses before admitting the students.

2. The Secretary, Medical Education Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai-600009, Tamil Nadu.

3. Director Medical Education 162, Poonamallee High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600010 Tamil Nadu.

4. The Registrar, The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University, Chennai - 600002.

5. The Assistant Director General (ME), Directorate General of Health Services, 352-A, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.