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To,

Smt. Anupriya Patel

Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare

Room no. 650-A

Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi

Subject: Ongoing strike of nurses in the state of Kerala

Hon'ble Madam,

Greetings from The Trained Nurses Association of India (TNAI) Headquarters

In reference to the strike of nurses in the state of Kerala, Trained Nurses Association of India would seek your support and intervention in the matter. The brief genesis to apprise you is given in paras below.

The TNAI took the bold step in the year 2011, to approach Hon'ble supreme Court (W.P.527/2011) on getting many grievances from nurses across the country. In compliance to the order of Supreme Court, Govt. of India and TNAI took further steps, subsequently the recommendations of the committee formed under the chairmanship of Dr. Jagdish Prasad, Director General of Health Services, were issued vide letter nos. F. No. Z-29011/15/2013-N dated 20.09.16, TNAI/PRIM/Govt./249 dated 26.10.16, Reminder TNAI/PRIM/Govt./115 dated 07.07.17 to all the Principal/ Health Secretaries of all the state and UT's for formulating the legislation/guidelines to be adopted in respect of the nurses working in the private hospitals/ institutions.

Growth of health care services in private sector has shown speedy growth in the last two decades. Ironically it did not prove to bring economic up-lift of nurses in the states including Kerala. Historically, Kerala has been one of the most forward progressive and healthy states in India, renowned for production and export of nurses to various countries across the globe. Nurses in their home state do not enjoy adequate salary for their job and woeful working conditions. The situation is not different in other states and in the past also nurses went on strike in many states with same issues.

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It is a recorded fact that nurses constitute more than one-third of the health care work force, and prevailing situation of nurses has resulted in deterioration of health services and quality of care to patients. The steps should be taken to bring long term solution for the problems of nurses contemporary to the high tech health care facilities.

The state government shall take cognizance of the recommendations and bring the ordinance to address the issues raised. On earlier instances also hospitals were divided on S. Balaraman committee report. Like this the issues will continue to come up every now and then and never get addressed when private lobby is so strong to oppose.

Hence, TNAI is strongly in favor to bring bill in the state(s) on the lines of recommendations.

Thanking you,

With kind regards,



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President



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