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Speed Post
RTI matter

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Directorate General of Health Services
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Ophth/BC Section

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 22.04.2013

To

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Subject:- Information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

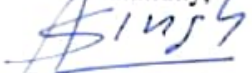
Sir,

I am to refer to your letter dated 03.04.2013 seeking information under RTI Act, 2005 and to furnish below the available information in respect of Ophthalmology Section, Dte.GHS:-

Point No.	Question	Reply
1	What is the definition of optometry as per world council of optometry.	The information pertains to the World Council of Optometry. This Division has no information in the matter.
2	Who can do an independent optometry practice? a) Phd. & M.Phil. in optometry b) Masters in optometry c) Bachelor in optometry d) Diploma in optometry	They all can do independent optometry practice.
3	Which of the following does not comes under working domain of optometrist? a) Refraction & contact lens practice b) Orthoptic management & primary management of ocular diseases c) Pre & post operative management of cataract surgery d) Ocular prosthesis & LVA management.	Under point b), Orthoptic management can be done by an optometrist after he gets trained in orthoptics. As regards primary management of ocular diseases, this falls in the domain of eye specialist except for few mild ocular infections. Point c) does not come under the working domain of optometrist.
4	Is an optometrist can suggest antibiotic & lubricating eye drop in contact lens practice?	An optometrist can suggest eye antibiotics & lubricating eye drops in contact lens practice.
5	Is the independent optometry practice is illegal? If yes, under which or section clause of IPC. Please mention the law in details.	Independent optometry practice by a qualified optometrist is not illegal.

The Appellate Authority in the above case is Dr. N.K.Agarwal, Dy. Director General of Health Services, Directorate General of Health Services, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011.

Yours faithfully,



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