

AERB to involve in Interim National Commission constituted under National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021, as a Member of the Commission

The Interim National Commission (INC) was notified by Government of India on 21st September, 2021, to discharge the functions assigned to the Commission under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) Act, 2021. Dr. A.U. Sonawane, Head of the Directorate of Regulatory Affairs and Communications (DRA&C) represents AERB in the Interim National Commission.

This Act recognizes 10 different categories of Allied & Healthcare Professionals viz. Life Science, Trauma and Burn Care, Physiotherapy, Nutrition Science, Ophthalmic Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Community Care, Behavioural Health Sciences, Medical Radiology, Imaging and Therapeutic Technology, Medical Technologists and Physician Associate Biomedical and Medical Equipment Technology & Health Information Management and Health Informatic.

The NCAHP Act, 2021, which received the assent of the President on March 28, 2021, aims to establish a central statutory body as a National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions. The objectives of the Act are to primarily ensure regulation and maintenance of standards of education and services by allied and healthcare professionals, assessment of the institutions providing such services and maintenance of their Central and State Register.

The National commission will be supported by 10 professional councils to frame policies and standards, regulate professional conduct, prescribe qualifications, create and maintain a central register etc.

AERB's involvement in the interim commission will, in particular, be beneficial in addressing the issues of Allied and Healthcare professional categories involving ionizing radiation, such as Medical Radiology, Imaging and Therapeutic Technology.

The first meeting of the Interim Commission was held on Friday 04th February, 2022. The Commission deliberated on salient features of NCAHP Act, 2021 and the duties, functions and powers conferred to the Interim Commission and other statutory agencies under NCAHP Act, 2021.
