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Dear Readers,

The recent move by Maharashtra cabinet where homeopaths can now prescribe allopathic drugs is a news which is not at all in favour of the homeopathic science. In the move that has been strongly resisted by a large group of doctors but has been proposed by a section from the homeopathy field only, is a very sad decision. The Maharashtra Cabinet on 9th January, 2014 allowed homeopathic doctors in the State to prescribe allopathic drugs after completing a one-year course at the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences. The government's reasoning is that few doctors are willing to work in rural areas, and this will help to boost medical care in villages. The decision covers only those who have passed the Bachelor degree in Homeopathic Medicine. There are around 62,000 homeopaths in the State. The Indian Medical Association said it would challenge the decision in court. "Why should rural areas suffer at the hands of unqualified practitioners? This decision has been taken because homeopathic colleges are lying vacant and many are controlled by politicians," IMA secretary Jayesh Lele said. The decision saw a major discord among Ministers. By doing

this, homeopaths are themselves degrading their own science. For years homeopathy has been claiming that it's a complete medical science in itself. Homeopathy was discovered by a German physician who was dissatisfied by allopathic system of medicine and after his research and experiments he gave theories with a claim that homeopathy way of treatment is a better way and conventional method was only suppressing diseases. Homeopathy claims that it has treatment for many disorders for which conventional medicine doesn't have answer. But by this step, homeopaths will lose the faith people have on homeopathy. Homeopathy should define its scope and limitations and practice in its realm. There is a huge scope for homeopathy, for thousands of disorders for which other medical systems do not have any answer. We need to invest our time and energies to study and understand our science better so we can practice within our boundaries and actually heal and cure many more cases than otherwise possible.

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