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**PRESS STATEMENT REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF HEAD OF
DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC MEDICINE**

Professor D.N.Bharadwaj the senior most Professor in the Department of Forensic Medicine was appointed as Head of Department on August 1, 2012. Prof Bharadwaj served as Head of Department from August 2012 to July 2013. Subsequently, due to personal reasons, Prof D.N.Bharadwaj requested that he may be allowed to relinquish charge of Head of Department.

The charge was given to Professor Sudhir Kumar Gupta.

The Governing Body on May 12, 2014, promoted Dr. O.P.Murty Additional Professor of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology to the grade of Professor of Forensic Medicine w.e.f. July 1, 2011.

As he was being superceded, Prof Sudhir Kumar Gupta challenged the promotion of Dr. O.P.Murty in Principal Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal. CAT in its decision dated March 4, 2015 said that the original application besides being not maintainable is devoid of merit and liable to be dismissed.

Subsequently Prof Sudhir Kumar Gupta filed a petition in the High Court of Delhi. The High Court of Delhi heard the matter on March 25, 2015 and was pleased to grant liberty to AIIMS to seek leave from the High Court at the time of making appointment of HOD in the said Department.

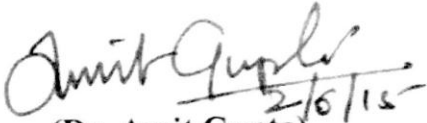
The Institute has received an application from Prof D.N. Bharadwaj on August 9, 2014 that he has fulfilled his family responsibilities and is willing to take up the responsibility of Head of Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. As the matter was sub-judice in CAT this request of Prof D.N.Bharadwaj could not be acted upon. After March 2015, the Institute was free to seek leave of the High Court to appoint a Head of Department based on seniority.

Given that Prof D.N.Bharadwaj was the senior most faculty and has given his consent, AIIMS has moved an application in the Delhi High Court seeking leave to appoint him to the post of Head of Department.

The proposal entirely in accordance with the extant practice in AIIMS that senior most faculty members in the Departments are appointed as Heads of Department.

The Institute would like to categorically state that there were no extraneous pressures ever put on Prof Sudhir Kumar Gupta with regard to his medical opinion for any case. Allegations being levelled against the Institute in the media by Prof Sudhir Kumar Gupta this regard are baseless and denied.

The next hearing of the High Court is on July 1, 2015. AIIMS would comply with the High Court decision in the matter.


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