

23. **Powers and Functions of the Central Council**

The Central Council shall be the Executive Authority and as such shall have the powers to carry into effect the policy and programs of the Association as laid down by the General Assembly and shall remain responsible thereto. The Central Council shall have the right:

- (a) To fill the casual vacancies of the Office-bearers (except the President and President—elect) from the members.
- (b) To make regulations and issue instructions for the proper working of the Association and for the maintenance and administration of the Association Rooms, Library and Properties and for the organization and maintenance of its publications.
- (c) To appoint Committees, Sub-committees, Ad-hoc sub-committees and Standing Committees, as and when necessary.
- (d) To represent any matter in which they consider the interests of the Association or the medical profession are affected, before Government or other public bodies or any properly constituted authority.
- (e) To consider and decide applications for membership, resignation of members, suspension of members or Branches and the question of taking such disciplinary action as it may deem fit against any member or Branch for misconduct, willful neglect or default.
- (f) To write off the whole or part of the unrealizable arrears of subscription of members, or Central Fund Contribution from Provincial Branch/Branches or other outstanding dues of the Association or its Journal, if considered desirable.
- (g) To appoint or remove salaried officers and servants of the Association.
- (h) To fix up the rates of Travelling Allowance to be paid to the Office-bearers of the Association and its Journal and the Members of the Central Council, and other Committees, Ad-hoc Subcommittees and Sub-committees.
- (i) To consider all matters and make necessary recommendations as far as possible, before these are discussed by the General Body.
- (j) Subject to the provisions of Rules, to exercise in addition to the powers expressly given by the Rules and Bye-laws all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be done by the Association.