

IPS officer as the new secretary of the Medical Council (MCI)

MCI gets third secretary in two years

RP Meena, an IPS officer of Odisha cadre, is the new secretary of the Medical Council of India (MCI), the statutory body regulating medical colleges, affiliations of new colleges and registration of doctors. He was currently director in the central vigilance office of the health ministry.

MCI secretary Sanjay Srivastava was quitting due to alleged harassment from board chairman Dr KK Talwar.

Dr Talwar had faced similar accusations from Srivastava's predecessor, Dr Sangeeta Sharma who quit in March 2012, and deputy secretary Reena Nayyar.

"Meena will be the third secretary in two years. This reflects poorly on MCI," said a senior officer in the council on condition of anonymity.

"How can an IPS officer without knowledge of the field of medical education can run the council?" asked retired additional secretary Dr Prem Kumar, who served as officer on special duty when Dr Sarin was chairman of the MCI.

Dr Sharma said, "They were so not satisfied with my experience, and now they have brought an officer who does **not have medical background**. Will he be able to understand the requirements of post-graduation courses and super-speciality courses?" [\[Source\]](#)