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Controversy in Medical Council

Post	Appointing Authority	No of Posts
1. President	Minister of Health	1
2. Elected Members		
i. One member elected by the teachers of the Faculty of Medicine of each of the Universities		8
ii. Medical Practitioners Under section 29	Voting by Doctors under section 29	8
iii. persons entitled to practice medicine registered under section 41	Voting by member under section 41	1
iv. dentists registered under section 43	Voting by dentists	1
3. Nominated members	Ministry of Health	4
4. Director General of Health Services		1
5. Director General of teaching Hospitals		1
	Total	25

These posts are in existence at the moment and Minister can only appoint 4 members to the council according to the Medical ordinance. Hence, this appointment of Dr. Shirley Herath is a clear violation of Medical Ordinance.

Further to this, why do we oppose Dr. Shirley Herath ?

1. He is the person behind introducing Private medical college attached to "Vignant institute" in Sri Lanka"

2. He was alleged of bombing of the house of then SLMC President Dr.H.H.R.Samarasinghe

3. His son is unable to sit Act 16 examination as his degree is not recognised by the SLMC. However, He has continuously pressurized with various means to get the registration from SLMC
4. His son is the person behind the court case for reduction of marks in Act 16 Exam
5. His son has demanded to reduce the pass mark of Act 16 examination and also remove forensic medicine and community medicine from the exam
6. He has demanded to remove Dr N J Nonis, the registrar of SLMC from his post

Possible consequences of this appointment

- Can open doors to mushrooming of Private Medical Faculties in Sri Lanka!
- This may lead to abolishing of Act 16 examination allowing substandard medical graduates to get in to the health care system.