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To,
Mr. Richard Horton
Editor-in-Chief
The Lancet

Dear Mr. Horton,

Greetings from Indian Medical Association!

This is regarding the editorial "Fear and uncertainty around Kashmir's future" published in "The Lancet, Vol394 on August 17th, 2019"

It is unfortunate that the reputed medical journal The Lancet has committed breach of propriety in commenting on this political issue.

It is amounting to interference into an internal matter of Union of India. The Lancet has no locus standii on the issue of Kashmir. Kashmir issue is a legacy that the British Empire left behind.

The Lancet has reacted to an internal administrative decision of Government of India under the garb of concern for the health of Kashmiris.

Indian Medical Association, the National medical organisation of India baptised in the fire of freedom struggle condemns this unsolicited intrusion into the affairs of the Sovereign Republic of India. Generations of Indians especially the doctors and medical students will carry the unpleasant memory of this act of commission by "The Lancet".

We wish to question the credibility and the malafide intention behind the uncalled for editorial.

Indian Medical Association on behalf of the medical fraternity of India withdraws the esteem we had for The Lancet.

Thanking you

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