

IMA Uttarakhand slaps Rs 1,000 crore defamation notice on Ramdev over remarks on allopathy medicine

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Yoga guru Ramdev has stirred a major controversy slamming allopathic medicine over the Covid crisis. (PTI)

Uttarakhand (India): The Indian Medical Association (IMA) Uttarakhand branch has slapped a defamation notice of Rs 1,000 crore on yoga guru Ramdev over his recent controversial remarks against allopathic medicine for treatment of Covid-19 cases.

In its defamation notice, IMA Uttarakhand has stated that if Ramdev doesn't post a video countering his statements on allopathic medicine, or tender a written apology within the next 15 days, then a sum of Rs 1000 crore will be demanded from him.

Moreover, the IMA Uttaranchal State Branch had also written to Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat against Ramdev's statements against allopathic medical profession "hoping for a prompt and strict action" against him.

Citing a video circulating on social media, the Indian Medical Association said Ramdev has claimed that allopathy is a "stupid science" and medicines such as remdesivir, faviflu, and other drugs approved by the Drugs Controller General of India have failed to treat Covid-19 patients.

Ramdev's alleged comments on allopathy stirred a controversy with doctors bodies - IMA, Resident Doctors Associations of AIIMS and Safdarjung hospitals - seeking action against the yoga guru.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Sunday called yoga guru Ramdev's statement on allopathic medicines "extremely unfortunate" and asked him to withdraw the remark, saying it disrespects 'corona warriors' and can break the morale of healthcare workers.

In a strongly worded letter to Ramdev, the minister also said that "through your statement you not only disrespected corona warriors but also deeply hurt the sentiments of countrymen".

"Your statement on allopathy can break the morale of healthcare workers and weaken our fight against COVID-19," Vardhan said and added that doctors are fighting day and night to save people's lives.

Ramdev later replied to the health minister saying he is taking back his words even as doctors across the country continue to slam him over the remarks.

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