



ABSTRACT

National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu – Universal Health Coverage – Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam – Transformation of 2448 Health Sub Centres as Health and Wellness Centres for implementation of Universal Health Care Programme at a total cost of Rs. 13,357.12 lakh – Permission – Accorded - Orders- issued.

Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-2) Department

G.O(Ms) No.392

Dated : 30.08.2021
Pilava, Aavani - 14
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2052

Read:

1. G.O(Ms)No.172, Health and Family Welfare department, dated: 10.05.2017.
2. G.O(Ms)No.414, Health and Family Welfare department, dated:21.11.2017.
3. G.O(Ms)No.285, Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-2) department, dated:21.06.2019.
4. G.O (Ms.) No.79 Health and Family Welfare Department(EAP II -2) dated 05.03.2020.
5. From the Mission Director, National Health Mission, letter Ref.No.9019/P10/SHS/2018, dated: 28.12.2020.
6. From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine letter R.No.65927/UHC/S2/2018, dated 18.12.2020 and 14.6.2021.
7. G.O(Ms)No.340, Health and Family Welfare department, dated: 03.08.2021.

ORDER:

In Government Order first read above among others, the Government have permitted the Mission Director, National Health Mission and the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine to launch the pilot project on Comprehensive Health Care Services in the three blocks namely Krishnagiri-Shoolagiri Block, Pudukottai-Viralimalai Block and Perambalur-Veppur Block.

2. In Government Order second read above among others, the Government have permitted the Mission Director, National Health Mission for upscaling the programme of Comprehensive Primary Health Care Services / Universal Health Care in all the remaining 39 Health Unit Districts at one block per Health Unit District under National Health Mission at a total cost of Rs.4417.84 lakh. In the said Government Order, the Government have also permitted the Mission Director, State Health Society to utilize a sum of Rs.24.7407 lakh (Rupees twenty four crore seventy four lakh and seven thousand only) (Recurring and Non-recurring expenditure).

3. In Government Order 3rd read above, among others, the Government have issued orders for the implementation of Universal Health Coverage scheme in Tamil Nadu in the name of "Anaivarukkum Nalavazhvu Thittam" through State Programme Management Unit, Universal Health Coverage and Maternal Child Health established at the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Further, in the said Government Order the Government have issued orders for transformation of 985 Health Sub Centres, 716 additional Primary Health Centres and 214 Urban Primary Health Centres in Tamil Nadu into Health and Wellness Centres with the approved funds from Government of India.

4. In Government Order 4th read above, among others, the Government have issued orders to upscale the Universal Health Coverage Scheme in all Additional Primary Health Centres and Urban Primary Health Centres at a total cost of Rs.11,332.70 lakh under National Health Mission.

5. The Mission Director, National Health Mission in his letter 5th read above has forwarded the proposal of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine for transformation of 2448 Health Sub Centres as Health and Wellness centres.

6. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in his letter 6th read above has stated that, the Government of India have sanctioned Rs.13357.12 lakh in Record of Proceedings 2020-2021 for strengthening the activities under Health and Wellness centers as detailed below.

Sl. No	Facility Type	Recurring	Non Recurring	Total Funds (in lakh)
1.	Rural	9440.96	2806.36	12247.32
2.	Urban	423	686.8	1109.8
	Grand Total	9863.96	3493.2	13357.12

7. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has also stated that, the 40th Executive Committee of National Health Mission – Tamil Nadu has permitted to place GNM qualified Staff Nurses in all 2448 Health and Wellness Centres, Health Sub Centres as Mid-Level Healthcare Provider in Tamil Nadu on Outsourcing/Contractual basis for the year 2020–2021. As per Circulation Note.9/2020, R.No.8550/NHM/P10/2020, dated:10.12.2020 the Executive Sub-Committee has permitted the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine to fill up the post of the Staff Nurse with GNM qualification sanctioned under 2448 Health and Wellness Centre through the concerned District Health Society on outsourcing basis. The Executive Sub-Committee has also instructed that, a certificate may be appointed from such appointees to the effect that, they are aware that these are outsourced contract posts. He has further stated that, the Government of India in its Operational Guidelines for Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres in Human Resources chapter No.4 under Training and Mentorship (4.1.3) has provided *"The Mid Level Health providers (GNM or B.SCs) would be trained in either Certificate Programme in Community health, managed and certified by IGNOU/ state universities"* inferring the permission for conduction of Certificate Course in Community Health Care. Hence, it is planned to be implemented only with available resource personnel in the Regional Training Institute and post creation is not involved in conducting one year Certificate course for 2448 GNM Nurse. He has also furnished the expenditure cost for conducting said training is Rs. 25,31,76,400/-

8. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has further stated that, the Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in W.P.(MD) No.19565 of 2020, dated: 22.01.2021 has directed that, appointment to all contract based temporary post under National Health Mission is to be made through District Health Society only and the detailed order of Court is mentioned below :-

"It is submitted that since the recruitment in the Government order encourages proximity to the place of Mini Clinic to enable its successful functioning, the Government is willing to allow the recruitment at District Level through a committee headed by District Collector with the Deputy Director Health Services of the District and Joint Director (Health) a member to be employed by the societies purely for the purpose of payment of salaries and to distinguish it from regular recruitment for permanent vacancies.

As categorically mentioned, all permanent vacancies would continue to be recruited through Medical Recruitment Board, but these posts as outlined clearly in the earlier paragraphs in the counter are purely temporary for one year to be employed by the respective societies at District Level

Thus, the respondents have made it clear that the recruitment would be made only through the District Health Society. In such view of the matter, we make it clear that under no circumstances there shall be no role for any external agency in the recruitment process”.

9. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has further mentioned that in the Operational Guidelines for Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres that Staff Nurse with both GNM / B.Sc Nursing qualification could be engaged for the Mid-Level Healthcare Provider. Hence, he has requested the Government to permit him to engage the Staff Nurse with GNM / B.Sc nursing qualification as Mid-Level Healthcare Provider in Health and Wellness Centres in Tamil Nadu as per the Government of India guidelines. He has also furnished the list of 2448 Health Sub Centers to be transformed as 2448 Health and Wellness Centres, based on Internal Core Committee Meeting.

10. In Government Order 7th read above, the Government have permitted the Mission Director, National Health Mission to implement the “Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam” scheme through the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in coordination with the Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services and the Directorate of Medical Education. This scheme is specifically developed to address the issue by focusing on optimal detection, treatment and follow up to achieve better compliance and control rates for Non-Communicable Diseases across the entire State. A field team including Mid-Level Healthcare Provider (MLHP) Women Health Volunteers (WHVs) under the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW), existing ASHAs in tribal areas, Village Health Nurses, Health Inspectors, Palliative Care Staff Nurses and Physiotherapists with the monitoring support of other public health field staff will be deployed to provide home-based health care services. The first phase of this flagship “Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam” scheme will cover 1172 Health Sub Centres, 189 Primary Health Centres and 50 Community Health Centres in 50 Universal Health Coverage Blocks across the State. In addition, this scheme will also be implemented in one Zone in three Corporations (Tirunelveli, Coimbatore and Greater Chennai Corporation) covering 106 Sectors and 21 Urban Primary Health Centres. The scheme will further be up-scaled to cover the entire State by the end of 2021.

11. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and accordingly do and hereby to issue orders on the following:-

- i. 2448 Health Sub Centres in Tamil Nadu mentioned in the annexure to this Government Order shall be transformed as Health and Wellness Centres through Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine for implementation of Universal Health Coverage programme in Tamil Nadu at a total cost of Rs.13357.12 lakhs.
- ii. The Mission Director, National Health Mission is permitted to place Staff Nurses with GNM / B.Sc Nursing qualifications in all 2448 Health Sub Centres - Health and Wellness Centres as Mid-Level Health Care Providers on contract and merit basis through the concerned District Health Society, subject to the condition that, certificate should be obtained from such appointees to the effect that, they would be made aware of the purely temporary nature as per the orders of Hon'ble Madurai Bench of Madras High Court dated: 22.01.2021 in W.P.(MD)No.19565 / 2020.
- iii. The Mission Director, National Health Mission is directed to ensure that, the contract appointments shall be given by the Deputy Director of Health Services in the capacity of Member of the National Health Mission only and not as Deputy Director of Health Services and all these posts should be paid through National Health Mission only and never be included in State budget for the payment of salary under the contract payment head of account.

- iv. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine is permitted to Conduct certificate Course in Community Health Care with internship for the duration of one year to Staff Nurses to be recruited on contract basis through District Health Society after obtaining willingness to work in Universal Health Coverage Health Sub Centres through the following study centers:-
- Institute of Public Health, Poonammalle, Chennai - 56
 - Health and Family Welfare Training Center, Egmore, Chennai - 8
 - Health and Family Welfare Training Center, Madurai – 625014
 - Health Man Power Development institute, Salem – 636030
 - Health Man Power Development institute, Villupuram – 605401
 - Regional Institute of Public Health, Thiruvankulam, Pudukottai District – 622303.
 - Institute of Vector Control and Zoonoses, Hosur, Krishnagiri District – 635126.
- v. The Mission Director, National Health Mission is permitted to establish Tele-mentoring and Tele-Medicine services through a hub and spoke model in Tamil Nadu with approved funds by Government of India.

12. This order issues with concurrences of the Finance Department, vide its U.O.No. 16918/Health-1/2021, dated: 24.05.2021 and U.O.No.1971/FS/P/2021, dated: 24.06.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

J.RADHAKRISHNAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Mission Director, National Health Mission, State Health Society, Chennai-6
The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai -6.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (A&E), Chennai-600 018
The Accountant General, Chennai-18.
The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai -600 035.
The District Treasury Officer, concerned.

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