



ABSTRACT

Health and Family Welfare Department - Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project - Constitution of Tamil Nadu Health Systems Society - Orders issued - Amendment issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP1/1) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (2D) No. 104

Dated: 29.12.2011
Thiruvalluvar Aandu - 2042,
Markazhi - 13

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 48, Health and Family Welfare (EAP 1/1) Department dated 30.03.2005.
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 142, Health and Family Welfare (EAP 1/1) Department dated 12.05.2008.

Read also:

3. From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, Letter.No. 5448/HSP/E1/2011 dated 21.11.2011.

ORDER:

In the Government order first read above, the Government have accorded administrative sanction for implementing Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project with a total cost of Rs.597.16 crores with the assistance of the World Bank. The Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project is being implemented from 27.01.2005 for implementing various schemes to improve the health status of the people of Tamil Nadu and the project period has been extended upto September 2013. Besides the World Bank assisted programmes, certain State Government Programmes viz., 108 Emergency Ambulance Services, Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme and Free Hearse Services are being implemented by Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project with State Budget Support. The Project Director is the chief executive for all World Bank Assisted programmes as well as programmes implemented through State Budget.

2. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has stated that while implementing various activities, viz., NGOs payment, Consultancy and drawal of advances under Article 99 of Tamil Nadu Financial Code Volume I for conducting Workshops, Training and Evaluation/Survey, the Project experienced certain difficulties in the past by following Treasury systems of accounting which did not meet the target of reimbursement from the World Bank, in view of the fact that the drawal of funds from the PAOs and other Treasuries were delayed for various administrative reasons. He has also stated that the idea of creating a Society within

the ambit of Project was formed after much deliberation with the Government and the World Bank. Hence, in the Government Order second read above, the Government ordered the constitution of the Tamil Nadu Health System Society. The Government have also ordered, among others, that all the existing Government staff will be on deemed deputation to the Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project with effect from 01.04.2008 and shall be paid salary and other entitlements by the Society.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has further stated that the Project is unique in the State to operationalise the Project Disbursement in bimodal approach through Treasury and Society, with the Project Director holding the position of Project Director as well as Member Secretary to the Society. He has also stated that the Resident Auditor of Accountant General posted at Pay and Accounts Office (south) has questioned the authority under which the Society is presenting bills to the Pay and Accounts (south) through MTC 70 for drawing the amounts sanctioned by the Government and requested the project to obtain necessary Government Orders at the earliest to avoid hardships in the drawal of funds by Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project in future. Since the Tamil Nadu Health System Society is only a disbursement entity, without having cadre strength or any other entitlement benefit to the Regular /Contract Staff or any special powers vested to the Member Secretary of the Society, who is the Project Director, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project had placed a proposal before the State Empowered Committee in the meeting held on 03.11.2011 to issue certain amendments to the Government Order second read above and to grant certain delegation of powers to him. The State Empowered Committee had approved the proposal. The Project Director has requested the Government to issue orders in the matter.

4. The Government, after careful consideration, direct that the following amendments shall be issued to the Government Order Second read above.

Amendments

- (i) For the existing paragraph 4(i) of G.O (Ms) No.142 Health and Family Welfare Department dated: 12.05.2008 the following paragraph shall be substituted.
 - a) The Tamil Nadu Health Systems Society shall be constituted to disburse the amount to District NGOs, Consultancy, Training/Workshop/Surveys, Incremental Operating Cost, Contract Staff salaries at PMU and DPMU and salaries of regular staff including the Project Director of the Project Management Unit, Chennai and Medical Officers attached to District Project Management Unit.
 - b) The Grant for the Society is being provided in the State Budget and the Society receives the Grant through State Exchequer for disbursing to

the activities envisaged in the above paragraph. Thus the Project Regular Staff deputed for Project Work from the regular departments will be discharging the duties assigned for the Society activities also in the absence of sanctioned cadre strength for the Society. Hence, the regular staff doing project work and assisting the Society work are not to be considered as staff on Foreign Service as per the F.R.9 under section (7) condition are in vogue.

- (iii) For the existing paragraph 6 of G.O (Ms) No.142 Health and Family Welfare Department dated: 12.05.2008 the following paragraph shall be substituted.

All the existing Government staff will work for society activities also besides the project work in lieu of non-creation of cadre strength exclusive for the Society, since the Society is formed as centralized disbursement entity and where the salaries and other entitlement of the regular staff of PMU and DPMU shall be paid from Society Grant as long as the Society exists for formulating the envisaged activities of World Bank assisted programmes. The regular staff shall not be put on Foreign Service conditions, since they are not Society Staff as no conditions for creation of the posts for the Society are laid so far and they should be treated only as regular staff as that of a regular Government department and they are entitled to receive their pensionary benefits and other terminal benefits as received by the staff of the parent department in their parent department. All other contract staff will become the contract staff of the Society.

5. The Government also direct that the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project shall be declared as Head of the Project Directorate besides holding the position of Member Secretary to Tamil Nadu Health System Society. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project shall be the Chief Controller of Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project Budget towards Operation and Reconciliation of all the Sub Heads presented in the Demand No.19, where budget estimates are provided under designated sub heads to operate the funds for all activities of Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project (Capital and Revenue Accounts), regular salaries to staff in the District/Sub Districts Hospitals viz., Doctors, Staff Nurse and other Para Medical staff, Society Grant besides transfer of funds to Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation and Civil Work budget and for transfer of funds for EMRI and Chief Ministers Comprehensive Health Insurance Programmes.

6. The Government also direct that the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project shall be the authorized signatory to present the bills for the programmes envisaged under State Support Budget and as well as drawal of Society Grant from the Pay and Accounts Officer (South) using MTC 70.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the State Empowered Committee constituted in G.O. (Ms).No.28, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated

26.02.2005 and Finance Department vide its U.O.No.68403/ H-I/
dated 27.12.2011

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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