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State Health Society – Tamil Nadu – National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD) – appointment of Audiometric Assistant and Instructor for the Young Hearing Impaired (Speech Therapist) in District Hospitals on contract basis – orders – issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP-II(2)) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms) No.112

Dated : 26.04.2010

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Read :

1. G.O.(Ms.)No. 103 / Health and Family Welfare [EAP-II(2)] Department, dated : 26.3.2008.
2. From the Mission Director, State Health Society letter No.3195 / P6 / SHS / 08, dated : 23.9.2009

ORDER :

The National Programme for Control of Deafness has been initiated by Government of India with the following broad objectives :

- i) Prevention of avoidable hearing loss.
- ii) Early identification and detection of hearing loss and ear problem.
- iii) Capacity building of institutions including support for manpower and training.
- iv) Supply of equipments – infrastructure development.
- v) To medically rehabilitate persons of age group, suffering with deafness.

2. The District Hospitals are strengthened under the scheme with District E.N.T. Surgeons as Nodal Officers. The Government of Tamil Nadu have adopted the National Programme by forming a separate committees to guide and monitor various activities of NPPCD in the districts and in the State as per orders issued in the G.O. first read above.

3. Government of India have provided two contractual staff at the District level hospitals viz. Audiometric Assistant – One and Instructor for the Young Hearing Impaired (Speech Therapist) – One. Government of India have suggested to fill these trained skilled manpower with Diploma in Hearing Language and speech (DHLS) from

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All India of Speech and Hearing (AISH), Mysore and JIPMER, Pondicherry and requested to fill the vacancies. The course is for one year with training to handle ENT equipments including those now supplied to the district hospitals under NPPCD and to provide speech therapy. At present, some districts are having Audiometrician (without speech therapist) posts which are filled up by following existing State Government rules with candidates mostly hospital workers / trained in Medical Colleges for a period of 6 months.

4. The job responsibilities of both Audiometric Assistant and Instructor for the Young Hearing Impaired are :

- i) Providing audiological service.
- ii) Assisting in conduction of screening camps.
- iii) Assisting in training programme.
- iv) Monitoring and Evaluation of the programme.
- v) Maintenance of data base.
- vi) Maintaining of equipments and sound treated room.
- vii) Any other job assigned by District Nodal Officer.

5. Necessary approval has been given for establishing NPPCD activity in all districts of Tamil Nadu in the Programme Implementation Plan 2008-09. The implementation has been taken up in two phases with 3 districts in the Pilot (first) phase and 18 districts in the second phase for which all preparatory activities have been completed. Further, Government of India have released funds to meet the expenditure towards the appointment of Audiometric Assistant and Instructor for the Young Hearing Impaired at the rate of Rs.17,500/- per month in 19 districts i.e. 3 in Pilot (first) phase districts (viz. Vellore, Villupuram and Thanjavur) and 16 Districts in Phase II districts viz. Coimbatore, Guddalore, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Erode, Madurai, Nagapattinam, Namakkal, Pudukottai, Ramanathapuram, Salem, The Nilgiris, Thiruvananthapuram, Thiruvallur, Tirunelveli and Tiruvannamalai under NPPCD during 2008-09 (page No.285-300 of National Rural Health Mission PIP 2009-10 Volume II) and NPCC has also approved the budget amount (vide ROP page No.38). Government of India have also sent a list of eligible candidates having one year Diploma in Hearing Language and Speech (DHLS) to be appointed on contractual basis for filling up of both the posts.

6. The above proposal was placed before the 9th Executive Committee meeting of the State Health Society held on 25.8.2009 and the Executive Committee has taken three decisions. The Mission Director, State Health Society has accordingly requested the Government to issue necessary orders on the above decisions.

7. The Government after careful consideration has decided to accept the proposal and they accordingly issue the following orders :

- i) The Mission Director, State Health Society is permitted to appoint one Audiometric Assistant and one Instructor for the Young hearing impaired in

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each of the 19 Districts on a consolidated pay of Rs.7,500/- (Rupees Seven Thousand and Five Hundred only) per month as fixed by Government of India. They should be appointed based on the qualifications prescribed by the Government of India through the Employment Exchange following the rule of reservation.

- ii) The Mission Director, State Health Society is permitted to incur the expenditure for monthly remuneration under NPPCD funds through the District Health Society.

9. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.110 / Secretary (E) / Health-1 / 2010, dated : 16.04.2010.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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