



ABSTRACT

Anatomy Act, 1951 – Supply of unclaimed dead bodies to Private Medical Institutions Registered under Anatomy Act for academic purpose – Orders – Issued.

Health and Family Welfare (Z1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No: 233

Dated: 12.08.2015

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Read:-

1. G.O.(Ms) No.381, Health, dated 18.11.2004.
2. G.O.(Ms) No.61, Health, dated 15.02.2008.
3. From the Director of Medical Education Ref.No.85135/ H&D II/1/2014, dated 05.06.2015.

ORDER:-

In the Government order first read above orders were issued prescribing procedures for supply of Cadavers to private teaching medical institutions registered under Anatomy Act. In the Government order second read above orders were issued extending the procedures for supply of unclaimed dead bodies in Government Hospitals under the control of Director of Medical and Rural Health Services to private teaching medical institutions registered under the Anatomy Act, 1951.

2. Due to the increase in the number of private medical and dental colleges in the State, the demand for supply of cadavers for academic purposes rose. Considering the demands for cadaver, meetings were held with all stakeholders and it was found that even though in the last year 2700 bodies were given to Anatomy department of Madras Medical College, of which only 1588 bodies were medico-legal cases, remaining 1612 bodies could not be embalmed due to variety of reasons. After detailed deliberations, it was noticed that insufficient fund to the department of Anatomy is one of the reasons for ineffective utilization of the bodies, even which are not covered by medico-legal cases. The Director of Medical Education in her letter third read above has therefore suggested that the amount of fee for cadaver to be collected from private teaching medical institutions registered under the Tamil Nadu Anatomy Act, 1951 may be increased from Rs 25,000/- to Rs.50,000 per cadaver

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3. Considering that such revisions are proposed infrequently at the Government level the Government have examined the proposal of Director of Medical Education and have decided to increase the amount of fee for cadaver to be collected from the Private Teaching Medical Institutions registered under the Tamil Nadu Anatomy Act, 1951. Accordingly the following orders are issued:-

- i. To supply unclaimed dead bodies in Government Hospitals under the control of Director of Medical Education and Director of Medical and Rural Health Services to the private medical institutions and Dental Colleges which are notified under Anatomy Act, 1951 as teaching Institution, by collecting fee of Rs.1 lakh per cadaver.
- ii. Out of the said amount of Rs.1 lakh, Rs.50,000/- may be deposited in the Government account under "Receipt head". Out of the balance amount, Rs.10,000/- may be provided for remuneration to the staff involving in embalming and other connected expenditure and balance Rs.40,000/- for infrastructure improvement such as to provide cold storage facilities, to purchase equipment, chemicals, instruments etc., required for the mortuary, to maintain the mortuary hygienically and to maintenance of mortuary van etc.
- iii. The amount collected should be deposited in the name of "Mortuary Maintenance Fund..... Hospital" and the amount shall be received as Demand Draft in the above name. The Joint Director of Health Services / Hospital Superintendent in the District Headquarters Hospital and Medical Officer in other Taluk and non-taluk Hospitals under the control of Director of Medical and Rural Health Services and the Dean / Hospital Superintendent and the Heads of Department of Anatomy under the control of Director of Medical Education shall jointly operate the account. This account is subjected to internal audit by the audit party of Director of Medical and Rural Health Services / Director of Medical Education.
- iv. Whenever any unclaimed body arrives at the mortuary, the officer in charge of the mortuary / hospital should arrange to keep the body under cold storage and intimate to the Heads of Department of Anatomy for making arrangements for embalming. The embalmed body should be kept in the mortuary cold storage for ten days and on 11th day the

availability of the unclaimed body should be intimated to the Director of Medical Education by FAX / e.mail / Speed Post / Special Messenger. The Director of Medical Education / Director of Medical and Rural Health Services shall allot 50% of the available cadavers to any Government or Private Medical Institutions other than the Institution from which these cadavers were obtained based on individual merit. All the unclaimed bodies may be embalmed and stored and no cadaver would be allowed to go waste except only if the cited storage capacity becomes full or only when there are atleast already four cadavers available in excess over the requirement of the Institution concerned.

- v. The decomposed body shall be handed over to Anatomy department for extraction of skeleton, which shall be sold for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) out of which Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) shall be paid as remuneration charges for the persons involved in doing so and rest of the amount shall be given to Anatomy Department. The Head of Department of Anatomy shall fix the rates of individual bones proportionately, if sold separately. In respect of any unclaimed body received by other hospitals affiliated to a Medical College, the same procedure shall also be followed if there is a mortuary with cold storage facilities (e.g Government Royapettah Hospital, Kilpauk Medical College). The service of the Anatomy Department attached to the nearby Medical College shall be utilized following same procedure mentioned above.

4. The Government further direct that the amount of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh only) so collected for supply of one Cadaver from Private Medical Institution and Dental Colleges should be utilized as indicated below:-

- a) A sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) should be utilized for the items of expenditure detailed at para 2(ii) above.
- b) The balance of Rs 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) should be deposited into the Government account in the following head of account:-

"0210 Medical and Public Health - 01 - Urban Health Services - 800 - Other Receipts - AH - Other Items - Director of Medical Education - Medical Services 02. Other Receipts (DPC 0210 - 01 - 800 - AH.0209)"

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5 This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U O. No.43709/Health-II/2015, dated 11.08.2015.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To:

- The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.
- The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6
- The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6.
- The Principal Secretary / Commissioner of Indian Medicine and Homeopathy, Chennai-106
- The Director of Family Welfare, Chennai-6.
- The Superintendent, Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai-14.
- The Dean/Superintendent of all Government Medical College/Hospital
- The Accountant General, Chennai-18/Chennai-18.(by name)
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