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R.Dis.No.597/A/96

Office of the District Siddha Medical Officer,
Kanniyakumari @ Nagercoil, Dated 6.3.96.

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To

The Medical Officers of all
Govt. Primary Health Centres.

District Siddha Medical Officer
7/3/96

The Medical Officer, Govt. Hospital, Padmanabapuram and Kuzhithurai.

All Asst. Medical Officers, Govt. Ayurvedic Dispensary, Thirupathisaram,
Edalakkudy and Puthukkadai.

Copy to All Asst. Medical Officers, Primary Health Centres.

" Assistant Medical Officers, Govt. Hospitals, Padmanabapuram and Kuzhithurai.

" Asst. Medical Officers (Homoeopathy) & (Siddha), Govt. Headquarters Hospital,
Nagercoil.

Copy of R.Dis.No.9077/P&D.3/95, Dated 29.12.95 of the Director of Indian Medicine
and Homoeopathy, Madras-106 addressed to this office.

Sub: Health and Family Welfare Department - Maintenance and Upkeep of
Indian Systems of Medicine Wards/Departments attached to the
Allopathic Institutions - Instructions Issued - Communicated -
Regarding.

Ref: G.O.Ms.No.766, Health and Family Welfare Department dt. 7.12.95.

Copy of Government Order cited is communicated for information and for
guidance. The District Siddha Medical Officers are requested to point out the
violation of the instructions of the Government, if any, to the Joint Directors
concerned as and when necessary.

S. Sakthivel,
for Director of Indian Medicine and
Homoeopathy.

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ABSTRACT

Health and Family Welfare Department - Maintenance and Upkeep of Indian Systems
of Medicine Wards/ Departments attached to the Allopathic Institutions -
Instructions - Issued.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.766

Dated 7.12.1995.

Read:

From the Director of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Madras D.O.Lr.No.9077/P&U.3/95 dt. 8.11.95.

ORDER:

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The Director of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Madras has requested the Government to issue instructions for better administration and upkeep of Indian Medicine Wings attached to all the Allopathy Hospitals in the State.

2. The Government accept the proposals, The Director of Medical Services and Rural Health, Madras is requested to issue immediately the Circular annexed to this order to all Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of Health Services to ensure better administration, maintenance and upkeep of Indian Systems of Medicine Wards/Departments attached to allopathic institutions. ~~BY WHOMSTHE GOVERNMENT~~ ~~Indian system of Medicine and Homoeopathy forms part and parcel of the Health Services, pointing out that any violation will be viewed seriously.~~

3. A report on the action taken in this regard may be sent to Government immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

R. POORNALINGAM,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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I am directed to instruct you all to take appropriate action on the following matters raised by Director of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy and discussed in the meeting held on 17.9.95 at Director of Medical and Rural Health Services Office with Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of Health Services.

The Indian Medicine Wings viz. Siddha wings, Unani Wings and Ayurveda Wings are established in Government Headquarters Hospital, Taluk Headquarters Hospital, Non-Taluk Headquarters Hospital and Primary Health Centres. The Head of the institution of Allopathy system are the controlling officers and pay drawing officers and all the communications relating to the function of the Indian systems of Medicine Wings have to be sent by Head of Institutions who belongs to Allopathy side. The following bottle-necks observed in the day to day administration of the Indian Medicine Wings have to be tackled by the Allopathy Medical Officers as head of the institutions.

1. Maintaining Attendance Register: To. A. D.

It is found that the Allopathy Medical Officers are not exercising proper control over the maintenance of attendance register of Indian Systems of Medicine Wings and are not checking the punctuality of the Indian Systems of Medicine Wing staff. They are also very lenient in granting leave and encourage unauthorised absence which latter converted as duty by signing the attendance, by taking away the leave letter. They are very slack in sending communications to the District Siddha Medical Officer's in time and they are not responding properly to the communications sent by the District Siddha Medical Officers.

Even during the course of inspection, it is found that the staff members found absent from duty leaving a leave letter even without date and prior sanction of leave by the head of the institutions and later the allopathic Medical Officers go to the extent of protecting them as if they were on authorised leave thus nullifying the contents of the inspection reports. Thus, they are colliding themselves with unauthorised absentees subverting the discipline.

The Joint Directors and Deputy Directors of Health Services are hereby directed to instruct suitably the Allopathy Medical Officers to rectify the above defects.

2. Reply to Audit Reports:

A lot of Audit reports are pending for which replies have to be furnished by the Medical Officer(Allopathy) as head of the institution as well as drawing officers of the Indian Medicine Wings. These audit paras are left uncleared, resulting in large accumulation of Audit paras.

The Joint Directors and Deputy Directors are instructed to rectify this position.

3. Supply of Electricity, Drinking water, Diet, Allocation of Bed, Utilisation of Services of Basic Servants and Para-Medical Staff - Regarding.

It was brought to the notice that some of the Joint Directors and Deputy Directors are not co-operating and not even responding properly to the District Siddha Medical Officers in solving the issues relating to the day to day functioning of the Indian Systems of Medicine Wings.

The Government have already issued orders providing separate beds/wards for Indian Systems of Medicine in certain hospitals and also issued orders for reservation of 5/10 beds in hospitals where there are no exclusive Indian Medicine. Inpatient wards for providing treatment under Indian System of Medicine. However, in practice, it is found that the reservation of 5/10 beds in each one of the hospitals is not being honoured by the Head of the institution, with the result, the Indian Systems of Medicine lacks popularity among the public. The Accountant General while reviewing the performance of Indian Systems of Medicine, has pointed out the lacuna in not achieving the bed utilisation facilities despite the reservation made by the Government. Hence, the Joint Directors and Deputy Directors are instructed to allot 10 beds in respect of District Headquarters Hospital and 5 beds in respect of other hospitals, for providing In-Patient treatment under Indian Systems of Medicine, wherever Wings of Indian Systems of Medicine are functioning.

It is generally complained that the Indian Systems of Medicine Wings are not treated as part and parcel of the hospital but treated as a separate entity causing day to day administrative problems in maintaining wards and offering treatment to the patients. For instance, provision of diet, drinking water, services of Dhobies, Watchmen in In-patient Department and Sanitary Staff to the wards and wings in Out-Patient Department under Indian Systems of Medicine are completely reported to have been overlooked by the Allopathy Head of Medical Institution. This is totally unethical and unwarranted which requires immediate rectification.

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The Joint Directors and Deputy Directors are informed that the Indian Systems of Medicine Wings and Wards are functioning as part and parcel of the hospital and all facilities extended to the Allopathy side are equally to be extended to the Indian systems of Medicine Wings/Wards and there should be no discrimination as Allopathy or Indian Systems of Medicine and the step-motherly treatment from the Allopathy head of the institutions need to be removed in total by offering all facilities on par with Allopathy by extending ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~co-operation~~ ^{co-operation} to the District Siddha Medical Officer for better maintenance and improvement of the facilities in Indian Systems of Medicine Wings.

It is also brought to the notice of Government that the Joint Directors and Deputy Directors are insisting payment of electricity charges and water charges for Indian Systems of Medicine Wings. This is not necessary since the institution is a common one under one and the same department of the Health. It is also brought to the notice of the Government that one of the Joint Directors has refused drinking water supply to the Siddha ward telling the District Siddha Medical Officer to get separate Municipal water connection to the Siddha Ward. This is totally deplorable. The Joint Directors should avoid such attitude. They are also requested to provide proper and suitable space facility especially in the out-patient department of hospitals with full liberty to utilise other investigation facilities in the hospital and render co-operation and assistance for offering medical facilities to the public under the Indian Systems of Medicine as a speciality like any other speciality offered under Allopathic system.

Any violation of the above instructions will be viewed seriously.

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District Siddha Medical Officer.

7/3/96