



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation – Corona Virus COVID-19 outbreak in Tamil Nadu - Procurement done by Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited for the preparedness measures and to contain the COVID 19 – under Section 16(a) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998 by exempting the provisions of Section 9 and 10 of the said Act – Permission granted – Orders – Issued .

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (H2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No. 161

Dated: 27.03.2020
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2051
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Read:-

From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation, Letter Ref.No.29158/M(P)/TNMSC/2019, Dated: 06.03.2020.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited has stated that the sudden outbreak of novel-Corona (COVID-19) infection followed by instructions for epidemic preparedness and response necessitated the epidemic preparedness in the State of Tamil Nadu, and based on the request made by the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine on direct purchase basis from any available sources based on rates gathered through different contacts without going in for published open tender, purchase orders were placed supplied products worth of Rs. 2,26,13,620/- as on date to the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine for epidemics preparedness measures for control of Covid-19 outbreak.

2. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders declaring the COVID-19 outbreak and its preparedness measures as an emergency as specified under Section 16 (a) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998 for all the procurement done by Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited as well as for any future procurement to be taken up regarding COVID-19 outbreak based on the request of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai.

3. The Government have examined the request of the M.D, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation Limited and the following points were taken into consideration:-

- a) The World Health Organisation has declared the COVID-19 as pandemic;

- b) The Government of India has decided to treat it as a notified disaster eligible for assistance under SDRF;
- c) The Government of Tamil Nadu in Health and Family Welfare Department has declared that Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) is a notified disease in the State of Tamil Nadu for the purpose of Part-II in Chapter VII of the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act i.e., for Prevention, Notification and Treatment of the above said Disease;
- d) In Section 9 and 10 of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 certain procedures and criteria have been prescribed for inviting and accepting the tenders; and,
- e) In Section 16(a) of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 it has been stated that during the natural calamities and emergencies declared by the Government, the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 shall not apply to the procurement.

4. Since the Corona Virus COVID-19 outbreak and its preparedness measures are being treated as an emergency in the State of Tamil Nadu, the Government have decided to procure all the equipment, consumables for medical care, etc., which is related to the Prevention and Treatment and combating the above said Corona Virus Disease COVID-19, under Section 16 (a) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998, by Exempting the provisions of Section 9 and 10 of the said Act.

5. Accordingly, the Government do and hereby ordered that procurement of all the equipment, consumables for medical care, etc., which is related to the Prevention and Treatment and combating, the above said Corona Virus Disease COVID-19, be done under Section 16 (a) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act 1998, and the provisions of Section 9 and 10 of the said Act be exempted for all the procurement done by Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation for the above said purpose.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**BEELA RAJESH
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