



ABSTRACT

State Mental Health Authority – Creation of one post of Chief Executive Officer and other posts to State Mental Health Authority for its effective functioning – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No.21

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Read:

- 1) G.O (Ms).No. 25, Health and Family Welfare (EAPI-2) Department, dated: 18.01.2017.
- 2) From the Director of Medical Education, letter ref No.39686/P&DIII(2)/2018, dated: 04.07.2018.

ORDER:

In Government Order first read above, orders have been issued for constitution of State Mental Health Authority with members as per section 45 of Mental Health Care Act 2017. Among others, the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) was requested to send a panel of names among the eligible Psychiatrist for appointment as Chief Executive Officer for the State Mental Health Authority and the State Mental Health Authority was permitted to take action to appoint the following officers and other employees:-

1. Administrative Officer-1
2. Assistant -1
3. Junior Assistant -1
4. Data Entry Operator-1
5. Office Assistant – 1.

2. As per the provision of State Mental Health Authority Act of 2017 and based on the request of the Member Secretary, State Mental Health Authority, the Director of Medical Education in his letter second read above, has forwarded the proposal to Government for creation of one post of Chief Executive Officer and to fill up other posts for effective functioning of State Mental Health Authority.

3. The Director of Medical Education has stated that the incumbent Member-Secretary under the provisions of the erstwhile Mental Health Act, 1987 had proposed that the post of Chief Executive Officer should be filled with a person of rank Associate Professor of Psychiatry. However, Section 52(1) of the Mental Health Care Act 2017 prescribes that a person not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to State Government shall be posted as Chief Executive Officer. Considering the duties to be discharged by the Chief Executive Officer, it is seen that the duties are administrative and executive in nature, to implement the decisions of the State Mental Health Authority which has adequate technical members. It is with this view that the Act has prescribed an executive rather than a technical person for the post of Chief Executive Officer. Hence the post of Chief Executive Officer may be created in the rank of Deputy Secretary to Government (pay scale 7600 Grade Pay in pre-revised scale) to be filled up with either Deputy Secretary to Government or a District Revenue Officer or a Joint Director from an

