



ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – Task Force Committee - On Allocation, Supply and Distribution of Medical Oxygen in Tamil Nadu – Constituted – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.242

Dated: 18.05.2021
Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2052
Pilava, Vaikasi – 04

Read:

From the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India, Ref.No.S.12035/20/2021-Proc-I/Medical Oxygen/Misc.
dated: 10.05.2021.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Government of India has stated that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 06.05.2021, in the Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.11622/2021 pertaining to allocation and supply of medical oxygen and its distribution within the State, has inter alia stated that the National Task Force constituted vide the said Order shall also facilitate audits within each State and UT to ensure accountability for proper distribution of the oxygen supplies. The relevant paras of the Court's Order are reproduced below:-

"Para 24 (v) – Facilitate audits by sub-groups within each State and UT inter alia for determining; (a) whether the supplies allocated by the Union Government reach the concerned State / UT; (b) the efficacy of the distribution networks in distributing supplies meant for hospital, health care institutions and other; (c) whether the available stocks are being distributed on the basis of an effective, transparent and professional mechanism; and (d) accountability in regard to the utilisation of the supplies of oxygen allocated to each State / UT.

Para 25 – The purpose of conducting audits under item (v) of paragraph 24 is to ensure a measure of accountability for the proper distribution of oxygen supplies made available by the Union Government to the States / UTs. For the purpose of facilitating the audits under item (v) of paragraph 24 above, the Task Force will constitute sub-groups / committees for each State / UT comprising;

- (i) An officer of the State / UT Government not below the rank of Secretary to the State Government;*
- (ii) An officer of the Union Government not below the rank of Additional / Joint Secretary;*
- (iii) Two medical doctors in the State / UT concerned including at least one with administrative experience of managing the medical facilities of a hospital; and*

(iv) A representative from the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)."

2. The Government of India further stated that in the first meeting held on 9th May, 2021 at 5.00 p.m the National Task Force approving setting up of such audit sub-groups and it has requested to constitute such an audit sub-group and initiate appropriate action as per the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The State wise list of Government of India officers who shall be part of such audit sub-groups is annexed. In the State wise IAS Officers list, Thiru.Hukum Singh Meena, Additional Secretary, M/o. Rural Development (BH) is nominated for Tamil Nadu and in State wise list of Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation Officers, Dr.Mrs.Sanjana Sharma, Joint CCE is nominated for Tamil Nadu. The Government of India has further stated that the Supreme Court has also advised that the audit sub-group shall have two medical doctors and the States may consider the option of co-opting the Directors / Executive Directors of various regional AIIMS or other Central Government Institutions located within the State / UT as one of these two doctors.

3. The Government, after careful examination of the suggestions of Government of India have decided to constitute a Task Force Committee as a audit sub-group with following officials may consider as per the Supreme Court of India direction:-

Dr.Darez Ahamed, IAS, Mission Director, National Health Mission, Tamil Nadu	Chairperson and Oxygen Commissioner
Hukum Singh Meena, IAS, Additional Secretary, M/o Rural Development (BH)	Member – Government of India
Dr. Mrs. Sanjana Sharma, (PESO) Jt CCE	Member – Government of India
Head of the Department – Anesthesiology, Madras Medical College, Chennai	Member - Secretary
Head of the Department – Anesthesiology, Stanley Medical College, Chennai	Member

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

J.RADHAKRISHNAN,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

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The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai – 600 006.

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8/5/2021