



## ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project – Free Hearse Van Services in Government Medical Institutions – Continuation of Free Hearse Van Services on Public Private Partnership mode with the Indian Red Cross Society Tamil Nadu Branch by treating Free Hearse Service under section 16(b) of Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act and to continue the Free Hearse Service for a period of two years beyond 01.02.2020 - Orders- Issued.

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### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms).No. 38

Dated: 04.02.2020  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2051  
Vihari,Thai – 21

#### Read :

- 1) G.O.(Ms) No.342, Health and Family Welfare (EAPI-1) Department dated: 03.12.2010.
- 2) G.O.(Ms) No.41, Health and Family Welfare (EAPI-1) Department dated: 07.03.2013
- 3) G.O.(Ms).No. 199, Health and Family Welfare ( EAP1-1) Department, dated: 10.07.2015
- 4) G.O(D).No. 1321, Health and Family Welfare ( EAP1-1) Department, dated: 26.10.2015.
- 5) G.O(D).No. 262, Health and Family Welfare ( EAP1-1) Department, dated: 26.07.2017.
- 6) Government Letter No.3949/EAPI-1/2019-4, Health and Family Welfare (EAP1-1) Department, dated: 06.07.2019

#### Read also:

- 7) From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project letter No.5992/TNHSP/FHS/2018-2019, dated: 01.02.2019, 26.04.2019, 08.07.2019, 10.07.2019, 13.07.2019, 04.09.2019 16.10.2019, 23.10.2019 and 18.12.2019.

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#### ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, sanction was accorded for the establishment of Free Hearse Van Services in the State of Tamil Nadu to cater the needs of all unfortunate deaths that occur in all Government Medical Institutions on Public Private Partnership mode, similar to '108' ambulance services and to call the

services as "Tamil Nadu Free Hearse Van Services". The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project was designated as Nodal Officer to operate this service in the State through the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch and Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project was designated as the Nodal Agency to implement this programme. Accordingly a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government and Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch on 02.02.2011 for two years.

2. In the Government order second read above, sanction was accorded to continue the Free Hearse Services in the State on Public Private Partnership mode with the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch for a period of 2 years from 02.02.2013 as per the terms and conditions ordered in the Government Order first read above.

3. In the Government Order third to fifth read above, the service was further continued with Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch for a period from 02.02.2015 to 01.02.2019. As an interim measure, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has extended the Free Hearse Service for four consecutive times for every three months until 01.02.2020.

4. In the reference sixth read above, the Government directed the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project to revisit the Memorandum of Understanding for Free Hearse Service from the perspective of Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act, which also permits for exemption from open tendering. Mere Extension of Memorandum of Understanding without considering the legal permissions under Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act would lead to unnecessary contradictions in the approach of the Government towards procurement. As Free Hearse Services are operated by Indian Red Cross Society through a Memorandum of Understanding with Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project as nonprofit service and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists in this field and that Section 16(b) of Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act provides relief from normal process of procurement when no reasonable alternative exists, for which a Committee has to be constituted with representatives of concerned entities for evaluating the services rendered by Free Hearse Service provider- Indian Red Cross Society and exemption be considered provided the services of Indian Red Cross Society were found to be satisfactory.

5. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has therefore requested the Government to issue necessary orders for continuation of Free Hearse Service in the State, since it is an ongoing service and has to continue beyond 01.02.2020 for the effective transportation of deceased free of cost and to provide the service without interruption.

6. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project have decided to accept the same and the Government permit the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project to continue the Free Hearse Service in the State for a period of two years beyond 01.02.2020 without any interruption by treating the Free Hearse Service under Section 16 (b) of Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act and to extend the

Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu with Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch with the same terms and conditions.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No:189/FS/P/2020, dated: 23.01.2020.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**BEELA RAJESH  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, Chennai-6.

The Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission, Chennai-6.

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6.

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.

The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-18.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (South), Chennai-35.

The Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch, New No.32, Old No.52, Montieth road, Egmore, Chennai-8.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation, Egmore, Chennai-8.

All Joint Director of Medical and Rural Health Services

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The Finance (Health -II) Department, Chennai-9.

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