



## ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project – Establishment of Free Hearse Van Services in Government Medical Institutions – Continuation of the Free Hearse Van Service on Public Private Partnership mode with the Indian Red Cross Society - Tamil Nadu Branch for a period of 2 years from 02.02.2013 - Orders Issued.

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

G.O (Ms) No.41

Dated:07.03.2013  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2044  
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Read

- 1) G.O.(Ms) No.342, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated: 03.12.2010.
- 2) From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project Letter No.7963/FHS/ 2012 dated: 03.12.2012.

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### ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above sanction was accorded for the establishment of Free Hearse Van Services to all the deceased 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. During the State Level Advisory Committee meeting the Chief Secretary to Government on reviewing the performances of Free Hearse Service, has expressed that Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch should submit a proposal to continue the programme beyond the expiry of Memorandum of Understanding. Also the Secretary to Government – Health reiterated the same during the first State Level Advisory Committee meeting chaired by him. Accordingly the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch, has submitted a proposal with a request to permit them to continue the service.

3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has stated that the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch, initially operated 10 vehicles in Chennai and gradually extended to all the districts with current fleet strength of 138 vehicles. The vehicles were deployed after analyzing the deaths in various Institutions and to cover all the hospitals in the State. It is also planned to increase the fleet strength to 180 to supplement the present fleet strength based on the need. It has been observed during the various performance review meeting conducted, the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch is performing well and the utilization by poor and disadvantaged people has been gradually increasing in correspondence with the fleet strength. Initially the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch faced much difficulty in recruiting the drivers and operationalise the services in the institutions due to intervention of private operators. Stringent action taken by the Nodal Officer has resulted is enormous improvement in utilization of this service by the poor.

4. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has proposed to continue the Free Hearse Service beyond 01.02.2013 on Public Private Partnership mode with the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project have decided to continue the Free Hearse Services for a period of 2 years. Accordingly, sanction is accorded to continue the Free Hearse Service in the State an Public Private Partnership mode with the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch for a period of 2 years from 02.02.2013. The terms and conditions for implementation of the Scheme shall be continued as ordered in the Government Order first read above.

6. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project is permitted to sign Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch on behalf of Government of Tamil Nadu as Nodal Officer.

7. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, is authorized to draw the recurring expenditure for the scheme sanctioned in para 5 above in advance from the Pay and Account Officer (South) and the above expenditure shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"2210 Medical and Public Health – 01. Urban Health Services – 800. Other expenditure schemes in the Eleventh Five Year Plan – II State Plan – State – KX. Grants to Tamil Nadu Health Systems Society – 09. Grants-in aid – 03. Grants for specific schemes (DPC:221001800 KX 0938)" and contra credit to the P.D. account

" K. Deposit and Advances (b) Deposits not bearing interest – 8443-00. Civil Deposits – 800. Other deposits – DJ. Deposits of Tamil Nadu Health Systems Society (DPC:8443 00 800 DJ 0001)"

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department its U.O. No.3678/H-II/2013 dated:01.02.2013.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

J.RADHAKRISHNAN  
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 Emergency Management Research Institute, Hyderabad.  
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), Chennai-18.  
The Principal Accountant General (Audit I), Chennai-18.  
The Pay and Account Officer (South), Chennai-35.  
The Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch, New No.32 Old No.50, Montieth road, Egmore, Chennai-8.  
The Chief Operating Officer TN-EMRI, Kasturiba Gandhi Hospital for Women and Children Campus, Chennai-5.  
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation, Egmore, Chennai-8.  
All Joint Director of Medical and Rural Health Services.

Copy to:

The Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.  
The Secretary to Government Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai-9.  
The Secretary to Government, Home Department, Chennai-9.  
The Director General of Police, Chennai-4.  
The Director General of Police and Director of Fire and Rescue Service, Chennai-8.  
All District Collectors.  
The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi -11.  
The Country Director – India, The World Bank, New Delhi Office, 70 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi – 3.  
The Finance (Health-II) Department, Chennai-9.  
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SECTION OFFICER