



ABSTRACT

Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project – Operation of Free Hearse Services and Drop Back Services (JSSK) through GVK-EMRI instead of Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu for the period from 01.09.2021 to 01.02.2022 by signing Memorandum of Understandings with appropriate terms and conditions - Sanctioned-Orders-Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.581

Dated: 24.12.2021
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2052
Pilava, Margazhi – 09

Read :

1. G.O.(Ms)No.396, Health and Family Welfare Department (EAPI-1), dated 30.12.2015.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.38, Health and Family Welfare (EAPI-1) Department, dated: 04.02.2020.
3. G.O.(Ms)No.181, Home (Pol.VII) Department, dated: 09.04.2020.
4. Government Letter No.29221/EAPI-1/2021-1, Dated: 18.08.2021 and 22.09.2021.
5. G.O.(D) No.1053, Health and Family Welfare (EAPI-1) Department, Dated: 24.09.2021.

Read also:

6. From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project, Letter Ref: No.3602/TN-EMS/ TNHSP/2021, Dated: 02.08.2021 and 30.09.2021.

ORDER:

In Government Order first read above, orders were issued permitting the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project to implement the Free Drop Back Service (JSSK) Scheme in all districts through Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch. Accordingly, the Memorandum of Understanding was signed with Red Cross Society for the period of two years from 18.02.2016. The Free Drop Back Service (JSSK) was continued by signing Memorandum of Understanding for the period of two years from 18.02.2018 as per the existing terms and conditions. This was further extended for a period of two years from 18.02.2020.

2. In Government Order second read above, orders were issued permitting 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. Accordingly Memorandum of

Understanding was signed between Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project and Indian Red Cross Society. From the year 2010-2011, year wise funds allotted for the said Free Hearse Service till 2020-2021.

3. In the Government Order third read above, State Government has given consent to CBI for investigation of certain allegations against the Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch.

4. In view of the above, in the Government Letter 4th read above, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has been permitted to operate Free Hearse Services (FHS) and Drop Back Services (JSSK) through GVK-EMRI temporarily in order to continue the uninterrupted services during the pandemic. Further instructed to form Committee under Clause (bb) of Section 16 of Tamil Nadu Tender Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998. Accordingly, in Government Order fifth read above, orders were issued to constitute a Committee as per Clause (bb) of Section 16 of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act. The Committee has submitted its report with the following recommendations:-

"The Committee felt that the Government of the Service provider for providing the Free Hearse (Mortuary Van) Services and Drop Back Services (JSSK) need to be an exception and exempted from the relevant mandatory provision of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act '1998. With reference to the type of exemption, such exemption can be considered under clause 16(bb) on the following reasons: -

- a. Although the provision of Hearse Service cannot be deemed as something exclusive to GVK EMRI, the nature of duty involved – handling Corpses, disposing them and coordinating with similar non- profit organization are not feasible to be undertaken by any other organization on a commercial basis.
- b. 108 Emergency Services in Tamil Nadu are being done through GVK EMRI (PPP mode). GVK EMRI is also rendering free hearse van operations for corpses in Telangana.
- c. In view of the pending cases against Indian Red Cross Society, Tamil Nadu Branch the Operation of Free Hearse Services and Drop Back Services (JSSK) may be entrusted through GVK EMRI for the period from 01.09.2021 to 01.02.2022 in order to continue the uninterrupted services during the pandemic. (i.e) till the duration of existing Memorandum of Understanding is over.

"Services of GVK-EMRI Tamil Nadu Branch are being utilized for Free Hearse (Mortuary Van) Services and Drop Back Services in Government Medical Institutions as per the Government Order issued from the year 2010-2011 onwards by executing a Memorandum of Understanding and the same was extended from time to time till 01.09.2021 to 02.02.2022".

5. Based on the above said facts and committee recommendations, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project has stated that this service is an ongoing service and has to continue beyond 01.09.2021 to 02.02.2022 for the effective transportation of deceased at the free of cost and Drop Back Services also transported the babies from various Government Institutions and has requested the Government to exempt the Hearse (Mortuary Van) Services and Drop Back Services (JSSK) operated by GVK-EMRI – Tamil Nadu Branch under Section 16(bb) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tender Act – 1998.

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 issue orders as follows:

- i) The Operation of Hearse (Mortuary Van) Services and Drop Back Services (JSSK) is exempted and operated by GVK-EMRI – Tamil Nadu Branch under Section 16(bb) of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act – 1998.
- ii) The operation of Free Hearse Services and Drop Back Services (JSSK) to GVK EMRI is entrusted for the period from 01.09.2021 to 01.02.2022 in order to continue the uninterrupted services during the pandemic. (i.e.) till the duration of existing Memorandum of Understanding is over.

7. Necessary notification required under Clause (bb) of Section of Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act , 1998 shall be issued separately by Finance (Salaries) Department.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O.No.109/ADS(PW)/Finance(Salaries)/2021, Dated:24.12.2021.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**J.RADHAKRISHNAN
PRINCIPAL 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.

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

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Law), Chennai-9.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Health and Family Welfare),
Chennai-9.

The Finance (Salaries) Department, Chennai-9.

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27.12.2021
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