



## ABSTRACT

Establishment – Creation of Department of Neonatology at Madurai Medical College, Madurai – Sanctioned – Orders - Issued.

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### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (J2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (Ms.) No.116

Dated: 28.03.2018

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு –2049

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Read :

From the Director of Medical Education letter Ref.  
No.86751/P&DII(2)/2016, dated 09.03.2017 and 10.10.2017.

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### ORDER:-

The Director of Medical Education in his letters read above has stated, among others, that Neonatology is taking care of Newborns in South of Tamil Nadu. Doctorate of Medicine Super Speciality course in Neonatology was started in the academic year 2011-2012 at Madurai Medical College. At present, Medical Council of India has given recognition for one Doctorate of Medicine, Neonatology seat in Madurai Medical College, Madurai. In this regard, he has submitted the following justification for creation of Department of Neonatology:-

- The Neonatology division of Madurai Medical College has been catering to vast population of sick neonates. It is tertiary level care centre for sick neonates from the south of Tamil Nadu. Over the last two decades, there have been rapid strides in the field of neonatal care throughout the world. There is an urgent need to upgrade the quality of neonatal care to address complicated issues like neonatal ventilation, surfactant therapy, care of extreme preterm babies, parenteral nutrition etc. Expertise to deliver advanced care to these critically ill neonates is the need of the hour to further reduce neonatal mortality rate. Creating Department of Neonatology will ensure qualified persons catering to this high risk vulnerable population assuring safer hands.
- Qualified faculty will be adept in handling a variety of complicated neonatal problems and in the development of research and spread of knowledge of neonatal care among Paediatric postgraduates and Paediatricians, Staff Nurses and other field staffs in service for the entire south of Tamil Nadu. This will improve the quality of neonatal care in the State.
- Doctorate of Medicine Neonatology Super Speciality course had an annual intake of one candidate. Creation of Department of Neonatology is necessary as per the Medical Council of India norms for the continuation of the course and for improvement of quality of Newborn care in south of Tamil Nadu.

- The following posts are attached to Neonatology

Name of the post	Number
Professor of Neonatology	1
Associate Professor of Neonatology	1
Assistant Professor of Neonatology	1
Assistant Surgeon Paediatrics	4

- As per G.O. (Ms.) No.72, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 11.03.2015, among others, one post of Professor of Neonatology and one post of Associate Professor of Neonatology have been created. One post of Assistant Professor of Neonatology has already been sanctioned for Institute of Child Health. Four posts of Assistant Surgeon Paediatrics are created and attached to Neonatology.
- The existing number of sanctioned beds is 20. Within this 10 intensive care beds with adequate equipments and backup facilities are available.

The Director of Medical Education has also stated that there is no expenditure involved in the creation of the Department of Neonatology. He has, therefore, requested the Government to issue necessary orders for creation of Department of Neonatology in Madurai Medical College, Madurai.

2. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Medical Education in detail and decided to accept the same for creation of Department of Neonatology at Madurai Medical College, Madurai. The Government accordingly do and hereby direct that sanction is accorded for creation of Department of Neonatology in Madurai Medical College, Madurai subject to the condition that no additional expenditure will be provided in future.

3. This order issues with concurrence of the Finance Department vide its U.O. No.3266/Health-II/2018, dated: 12.03.2018.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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