



## ABSTRACT

National Health Mission - State Health Society – Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative (TAEI) – Establishment of Inter-Facility Transport System across the State with 120 Adult Retrieval Vehicles (ARV) exclusively for the transportation of critically ill patients from Government Hospitals to tertiary care hospitals at a cost of Rs.19.20 Crore – Sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

### Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-2) Department

G.O(Ms) No.148

Dated :20.03.2020  
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Read:

From the Mission Director, National Health Mission letter Ref.No.13847/NHM/TAEI, 2017, dated 22.08.2019 and 22.1.2020.

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### ORDER:

During the Budget session for the year 2019-2020, the Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare department has made the following announcement on the Floor of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly as follows:-

“சுகாதாரத் துறையின் புதிய முயற்சியாக ஆபத்தான நிலையில் உள்ள நோயாளிகளை ஒரு மருத்துவமனையிலிருந்து வேறு உயர் மருத்துவமனைக்கு மேல் சிகிச்சைக்கு அழைத்துச் செல்வதற்காக 120 சிறப்பு வாகனங்கள் (Inter Facility Transfer Vehicles) 19.2 கோடி ரூபாய் மதிப்பீட்டில் வழங்கப்படும்”.

2. In the letter read above, the Mission Director, National Health Mission and Commissioner of Trauma Care, National Health Mission has stated that, under Referral Transport / Ambulatory Services, the ROP 2019-20 approval for the State 108 Ambulance Services has been increased to Rs. 61.50 Crores from the earlier released amount of Rs. 49.87 Crores. Further, he has stated that, the Government of India has stopped funding for Capex as they want to run the ambulances across the country on a vendor driven model, for which the Government of India will be funding only for operational cost (paid on trip basis only) and not for capital cost. As the ambulance services in Tamil Nadu are completely being run by the State and currently there are 60 Adult Life Support Ambulances vehicles used as Inter Facility Transfer vehicles. Hence, the Mission Director, National Health Mission has stated that, it has been decided to utilize the additional funds obtained in ROP 2019-2020 for procuring 60 new Inter Facility Transfer Vehicles, as it has been perceived as a need of the hour. The Mission Director, National Health Mission has also furnished the Cost break up for procurement of 60 Inter Facility Transfer ambulances as follows:-

Sl.No.	Adult Retrieval Vehicle (ARV)	Unit Cost (In Lakhs)	Number of ARV	Total Cost (In Lakhs)
1	Vehicle cost + Fabrication	16	60	960
2	Equipment Cost	16	60	960
	Total	32		1920

He has also stated that, the above expenditure is debitable under Emergency Management and Research Institute Ambulances as per the abstract below:

Sl. No	FMR CODE	Particulars	Amount to be released to Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation Account
1	7.4.9	Opex EMRI BLS	1520.00
2	7.4.5	EMRI Capex ALS	400.00
		TOTAL	1920.00

3. The Mission Director, National Health Mission and Commissioner of Trauma Care has further stated that, the new Inter Facility Transfer system to be implemented across the State will encompass the following features:-

- i) Dedicated fleet strength of 120 Inter facility Transfer (IFT) ambulance exclusively for Inter facility Transfer only. The fleet strength may be appropriately increased based on need.
- ii) These ambulances should be Adult Life Support Ambulances (ALS) designed in line with the National Ambulance Code (NAC), equipped adequately with Adult Life Support Ambulances Equipment.
- iii) It should be designed to deliver the same or higher level of clinical care than that available at the point of referral, ensuring that the patient is not exposed to any reduction in the quality of clinical care, despite the inherent risks of the transport environment.
- iv) An Advanced paramedic who has been trained exclusively in emergency management to be employed to take care of these patients in ambulances during transit.
- v) The request call for Inter Facility transport should come from a doctor only and is necessary to have these calls managed by a doctor at the call center.
- vi) Provision for extended call center with doctors to handle calls for Inter-facility Transfer ambulances in 108 Call center.
- vii) Protocols based Inter-facility Transfer, to ensure safe transit of patient while being transferred from lower level facility to higher level, with proper dispatch criteria. The team at the referral units and receiving units and Emergency Medical Technicians to be adequately trained in them and ensured they are practice upon.
- viii) These ambulances to be stationed in District Head Quarters Hospital, Medical College Hospital and select Sub District Hospital, based on need.
- ix) There should be constant analysis of the Inter facility Transfer (IFT) utilization pattern of these ambulances and ensured they are deployed appropriately based on need.

4. The Mission Director and Commissioner of Trauma Care, National Health Mission has requested the Government to issue necessary orders in this regard.

5. The Government after careful consideration have decided to accept the proposal of the Mission Director and Commissioner of Trauma Care, National Health Mission and accordingly, issue orders on the following :-

The Mission Director, National Health Mission is permitted to establish a new system of Inter-Facility Transport Vehicles across the State with 120 Adult Retrieval Vehicles (ARV) exclusively for the transportation of critically ill patients from Government Hospitals to tertiary care hospitals at a cost of Rs.19.20 Crore which has approved in RoP 2018 – 19.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No.10377/Health-I/2020, dated:16.3.2020.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

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