



ABSTRACT

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) - Permission to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Additional Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (TM) and State TB Officer and Nine departments in Government of Tamil Nadu for achieving TB Free Tamil Nadu, 2025 – Accorded - Orders - Issued.

Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-2) Department

G.O (Ms) No.434

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Read:

From the Additional Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (TM) and State TB Officer, Chennai letter Ref.No.367/SHS-RNTCP/2019, dated 15.07.2019.

ORDER:

In the letter read above, the Additional Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (TM) and State TB Officer has stated that Tuberculosis is one of the leading cause of death in India due to infectious disease. Every year around 30 lakh people get infected by TB in India. In Tamil Nadu, every year more than 80,000 patients are getting treated for TB in Government Hospitals and equal number in Private Hospitals too. Tuberculosis is not only a burden for the patient and public health but also a huge burden for the family community and the economy of the country. Hence an integrated approach is needed to control this deadly disease, which has a multiple cascade effect. Worldover, Nations have come together to eliminate Tuberculosis. WHO (World Health Organisation) in its Sustainable Development Goal has committed to END TB by 2030. In India, under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme (RNTCP), sustainable efforts are being taken to control TB. The Hon'ble Prime Minister during END TB Summit in New Delhi held during March 2018 declared that India will eliminate TB before 2025. This is an ambitious target to end TB 5 years ahead of SDG goal, but yet achievable one through an integrated, coordinated and sustained effort. The Hon'ble Health and Family Welfare, Minister of Tamil Nadu also participated in the Summit and articulated about the implementation of Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme in Tamil Nadu and committed for a coordinated effort to END TB by 2025.

2. The Additional Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (TM) and State TB Officer has further stated that presently the incidence rate of TB is 211 cases per 1,00,000 population and to achieve "END TB 2025" and to bring down TB incidence rate to below 40 cases per lakh population in high priority blocks and below 10 cases per lakh population in low priority blocks, Tamil Nadu has initiated series of steps. Further, Health and Family Welfare Department in Government of Tamil Nadu conducted a "TB Free" Tamil Nadu 2025 workshop in December 2018 to develop a road map for ending TB before 2025. Under "TB Free Tamil Nadu 2025" Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing advanced investigation mechanism like Cartridge Based Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (CBNAAT) across all districts to detect more cases, launched new drugs like Bedaquiline, Delaminid and new regimen like shorter regimen for MDT (Multi Drug Therapy) for Drug Management of Drug-Resistant TB (DRTB). Under DBT

(Direct Beneficiary Transfer) Rs.500/- is being given to every TB patient, irrespective of their economic condition, throughout the treatment period directly into their bank accounts for better nutrition and treatment success. As a part of this roadmap, it is important to co ordinate with various Ministries to have a holistic and integrated approach to END TB before 2025. Inter Ministerial Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is needed to END TB, since TB as a disease has impact on various socio economic factors apart from health of the person and the family.. Hence nine departments are identified for entering into a MoU for furthering the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's efforts on Ending TB. Further, the State TB Officer has stated that, the Memorandum of Understanding will include identification of risk groups, screening and detection, treatment support, awareness creation, Direct Beneficiary Transfer for nutrition support and training human resources to fill up the gaps in detection, treatment prevention. Finally, he has requested the Government to accord necessary permission to sign Memorandum of Understanding with various departments for creating awareness among all the sectors of people through Inter-Ministerial cooperation.

3. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the request of the Additional Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (TM) and State TB Officer and accord permission to the State TB Officer to sign / enter Memorandum of Understanding with the following departments for creating awareness among all the sectors of people on ending TB before 2025 :-

- (i) Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department,
- (ii) Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department,
- (iii) Higher Education Department
- (iv) Labour and Employment Department
- (v) Industries Department
- (vi) Micro Small and Medium Enterprise Department
- (vii) Municipal Administration and Water supply and Rural Development Department
- (viii) School Education Department
- (ix) Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**BEELA RAJESH
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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Higher Education Department, Chennai – 9.

Labour and Employment Department, Chennai – 9.

Industries Department, Chennai – 9.

Micro Small and Medium Enterprise Department, Chennai – 9.

Municipal Administration and Water supply and Rural Development Department, Chennai – 9.

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