



**ABSTRACT**

Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society – Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust Sponsored Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Project programme-Extended to three Districts viz., Salem, Cuddalore and Vellore - Orders – Issued.

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAPI-2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms).No.47

Dated: 22.02.2019  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2050  
Vilambi, Masi – 10

**Read :**

From the Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society, letter No.TNSBCS/ ADMN/2018, dated: 19.12.2018

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**ORDER:**

The Government have approved the MoU for starting the pilot project for screening of Diabetic Retinopathy patients in Tirunelveli District with the following members:-

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| (i) Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI)         | - 1 <sup>st</sup> party |
| (ii) Aravind Eye Hospital (AEH)                      | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Party |
| (iii) Department of Health and Family Welfare (DHFV) | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> party |

2. Based on the minutes of the State Level Co-ordination Meeting held on 18.12.2018, the Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society in the reference read above has stated that the Diabetic Retinopathy screening Project with Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, the funding agency, co-ordinated by Indian Institute of Public Health and the Mentor Agency, Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli is conducting a on-going Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Programme at Tirunelveli District, for the past one and half a years. After starting this programme they have provided equipment, training to Government Institutions and this has shown an increase in Diabetic Retinopathy screening data in that district. Based on available NCD population data and percentage of Diabetic populations per midyear population, it is decided to upscale the programme in the following three Districts:-

Sl.No	District	Government Institution	Mentor Institution
1.	Salem	Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College	Aravind Eye Hospital Salem
2.	Cuddalore	Government Head Quarters Hospital	Aravind Eye Hospital Puducherry

3.	Vellore	Government Vellore Medical College	Aravind Eye Hospital Chennai
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3. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society has further stated that the Vice- President of Indian Institute of Public Health has also expressed his interest to upscale in these districts but the quantum of equipment provided by them will be based on balance available funds with them which would be allocated for second phase necessary training will be imparted to the staff to upscale the programme and also provide the required IEC materials also. This project will definitely help in detecting the conditions of Diabetic Retinopathy early and also identify other target organs diseases early, prevent secondary glaucoma and increase the quality of life of diabetic populations, irrespective of age of diabetes and also will match and add to the teleophthal system.

4. The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society has therefore requested the Government necessary orders for upscaling the project of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust in the above three Districts namely, Salem, Cuddalore and Vellore for second Phase of this Project.

5. The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the request of Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society and grant permission to the Project Director, Blindness Control Society to extend the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust sponsored Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Project programme to the three Districts namely, Salem, Cuddalore and Vellore at second phase in Tamil Nadu by adopting similar terms and conditions laid down in the Memorandum of Understanding followed for the pilot project for Screening of Diabetic Retinopathy patient in Tirunelveli District.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**BEELA RAJESH  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10  
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6  
The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Chennai-6  
The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society, Chennai-8  
The President, Public Health Foundation of India, ISID Campus,  
Plot No.4, Institutional Area, Vasantkunj New Delhi- 110 070.  
The Dean, Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College, Salem.  
The Joint Director of Health Services, Government Head Quarters Hospital,  
Cuddalore  
The Dean, Government Vellore Medical College, Vellore.

**Copy to:**

The Health and Family Welfare (Data Cell) Department, Chennai-9  
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22.2.19  
**SECTION OFFICER**