



## ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – Reconciliation Committee – To Reconcile and streamline COVID-19 death report – Constituted – Orders – Issued

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### HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(D) No.650

Dated: 22.07.2020  
Thiruvalluvar Aandu-2051  
Sarvari, Aadi-7

Read:

From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine  
letter No. 4736/IDSP/2020, dated 14.07.2020.

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#### ORDER:

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has stated that he has constituted a committee to reconcile and streamline COVID-19 death report of Greater Chennai Corporation. This committee has reconciled the deaths as reported in Media Bulletin as COVID deaths in Greater Chennai Corporation areas and as recorded by the Corporation Health department under which the cremation and burial has taken place and has observed the following:-

- i. During the reconciliation and scrutiny of the total death reported by Greater Chennai Corporation, there are 820 Death of COVID positive cases from 01.03.2020 till 09.07.2020. Detailed case by case verification was done by the committee for all the 820 deaths of COVID positive cases reported by the Greater Chennai Corporation, along with the reports given by Director of Medical Education and Director of Medical and Rural Health Services. On examination, it is found that a total of 444 deaths of COVID positive cases which are part of the line-list maintained by the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, have not been included in the Daily Media Bulletin.
- ii. Among the above 444 deaths, all the 402 hospital deaths were due to the co-morbid conditions in addition to being COVID-19 positive, 42 were home and transit death. The majority of the above deaths have had co-morbid conditions like Diabetes mellitus, Hypertension, Cardiac ailments, Chronic Kidney Disease, Cancer, Chronic liver diseases, Patients on immune-suppressants, patients on dialysis etc.
- iii. Hence, the above 444 deaths were not reflected in the Daily Media Bulletin for pending verification of the immediate causes and above said causes which directly lead to the death of the patient both by the Directorate of Medical Education and Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services.

2. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has further stated that similar reconciliation exercise has been recently conducted both in Maharashtra and Delhi wherein 1382 deaths in Maharashtra and 344 more in New Delhi were

added. In Tamil Nadu the committee constituted for this issue has gone into details and verified all the records. Many of the cases which do not find place in the list were admitted in hospitals due to severities arising out of Co-morbidities.

3. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has recommended the Government to include the 444 deaths omitted in the earlier death list and also to constitute a Committee at State Level to continuously scrutinise the death reports on a weekly basis, headed by Director of Medical and rural health services, with Director of Medical Education, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Corporation City Health Officer as Members to avoid such omission in future. The discrepancies in notification by hospitals and report to the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine should be reconciled and rectified every week without omission.

4. The Government, after careful examination, decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and issue orders as follows:-

- i. A reconciliation committee headed by the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services with the Director of Medical Education and the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and the Corporation City Health Officer as members is constituted to continuously scrutinize, reconcile, rectify the death report on a weekly basis to avoid omission in future.
- ii. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine is instructed to include the above 444 deaths in the official death list which were not reflected earlier in the Media Bulletin of COVID-19.
- iii. The Medical Institutions / Greater Chennai Corporation is instructed to strictly adhere to the guidelines of the Government of India and ICMR while submitting the death report of COVID-19 patients in future.
- iv. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services / the Director of Medical Education / the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine are instructed to reiterate the similar instructions to all the Health Institutions / Hospitals in the State to scrupulously follow the same procedure.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**J.RADHAKRISHNAN**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai – 600 010.

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai – 600 006.

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai – 600 006.

The Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai – 600 003.

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The Senior Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Health and Family Welfare),  
Chennai – 600 009.

The Personal Secretary to the Chief Secretary, Chennai – 600 009.

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