



## **ABSTRACT**

Public Health – Maternity Benefit Scheme – Implementation of centrally sponsored Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) in convergence with Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme – Amendment -- Issued

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### **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (P2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Ms.)No.7**

**Dated : 12.1.2015**  
**Jaya, Margazhi – 28**  
**Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2045**

**Read:**

1. G.O. (Ms) No. 184, Health and Family Welfare (EAPII/I) Department dated 11.9.2006
2. G.O. (Ms) No. 224, Health and Family Welfare (EAPII/I) Department dated 9.7.2008
3. G.O. (Ms) No. 276, Health and Family Welfare (EAPII/I) Department dated 3.11.2011
4. From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine D.O. letter No. 27791/Imm/S5/2013 dated 25.4.2013, 23.10.2014 and 11.12.2013

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### **ORDER:**

In G.O. first read above, among other things, orders have been issued for implementing "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" with effect from 15.09.2006. Initially when the scheme was launched for financial assistance of Rs.6000/- was ordered to be disbursed to pregnant women belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for the first two deliveries to compensate their wage loss during pregnancy and ensure adequate nutrition and health care to the women and their new born babies.

2) In G.O. second read above, among other things, orders have been issued that assistance of Rs.500 to Rs.700/- (Rs.600/- for Rural areas) provided by Government of India under "Janani Suraksha Yojana" (JSY) must be adjusted against the assistance of Rs.6000/- provided under "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme".

3) In G.O third read above, among other things, orders have been issued enhancing financial assistance to the poor pregnant women from Rs.6000/- to Rs.12,000/- under "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme".

4) The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in his letter fourth read above has stated that since both Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) and Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Schemes have unique features which are not part of the other scheme, the then Mission Director of State Health Society in her capacity as the State's nodal officer of "Janani Suraksha Yojana" represented to the

Government that the "Janani Suraksha Yojana", could not be dovetailed with "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" without the concurrence of Government of India.

5) The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has further stated that in line with the views of the Mission Director, State Health Mission, he had issued a circular to his unit officers in the district that assistance under "Janani Suraksha Yojana" may be disbursed separately apart from assistance under "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme". However, the orders issued in G.O. second read above for adjustment of assistance under "Janani Suraksha Yojana" against the assistance disbursed under "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" (MRMBS) have not been amended so far.

6) The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has further stated that

- i. Funds for "Janani Suraksha Yojana" are not routed through State Budget and allocations under "Janani Suraksha Yojana" are being distributed to the Patient Welfare Societies by National Rural Health Mission directly.
- ii. The Government of India have launched "Indira Gandhi Matritva Shahyog Yojana", (IGMSY) a conditional Maternity Benefit Scheme from 2010-11, which is almost identical to "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" and hence is being dovetailed with "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" vide G.O.(Ms) No.200, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated: 26.06.2012 and G.O. (Ms) No.19, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated: 13.02.2013.
- iii. Since the Centrally sponsored scheme of "Indira Gandhi Matritva Shahyog Yojana", (IGMSY) is being dovetailed with "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme", it is evident that "Janani Suraksha Yojana" which is also a centrally Sponsored Scheme, cannot be construed to have the same objective as that of "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" and hence cannot be dovetailed with "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme".

7) In view of the above, the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has requested the Government to issue the following orders:-

- i. To cancel the orders of the Government issued in G.O. Ms. No. 224, Health and Family Welfare (EAPII/I) Department dated 9.7.2008 that the assistance of Rs.500 – Rs.700 (Rs.600/- for rural areas) provided under "Janani Suraksha Yojana" must be adjusted against the assistance of Rs.6000/- provided under "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme".
- ii. To ratify the action of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in having directed his subordinate officers to operate the "Janani Suraksha Yojana" and "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" separately, simultaneously maintaining status quo prior to issuance of the G.O. second read above.

8) The Government after careful examination have decided to accept the proposal of Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Accordingly the orders issued in paras 4 (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the G.O. Ms. No. 224, Health and Family Welfare (EAPII/I) Department dated 9.7.2008 is cancelled. The Government also ratify the action of the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in having directed his subordinate officers to operate the "Janani Suraksha Yojana" and "Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme" separately.

9) This order issues with the concurrence of Finance vide its U.O. No. 65177/Finance (Health I)/2014-1, dated 31.12.2014.

**(By Order of the Governor)**

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**/FORWARDED BY ORDER/**

  
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