

# GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

## ABSTRACT

Hospitals teaching Hospitals - Uniformity in working hours Maintenance of discipline - suggestion of Director of Medical Education - Orders issued.

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### Health AND FAMILY Welfare DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 33

Dated : 20th January 1995

1. Secretary, Health & Family Welfare department D.O. Lr. No. 61/ secretary / 94 dt. 7-11-94.
2. From the Director of Medical Education D.O.Lr.-N.o. 106768/G1 dated 2.1.94.

#### Order :-

The Government have been considering the need for furnishing working hours uniformly for all the Hospital attached to Medical Colleges in this State so as to serve the Public better. The Director of Medical Education has sent his recommendation in the letter second read, after consulting all the Deans, select Professors and others, after careful consideration the Government accept the proposal of the Director of Medical Education in his letter read above and direct as follows :-

#### 1. Out Patient Department :

1. The General Out Patient Departments will start functioning from 7.00 a.m. which includes Medical, surgical, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, Orthopaedics, ENT, Ophthalmology Dermatology, Venerology and Dental.

2) The Extension Out Patient Department will functioning from 9.00 A.M. in the Casualty or at a suitable place in the Out Patient Department as prescribed in G.O.Ms.No. 883, Health, dated 16.4.74. The extension Out Patient Medical officers will attend the extension Out Patient dept.

3) evening Out Patient dept, will function from 3.00 P.m, to 5.00 P.M. with duty casualty Medical officer Duty Assistant physician on duty.

4) other patients who come to the out patient departments as emergencies shall be examined by the duty casualty Medical officer and duty CRR.

5) Review Out Patient department to be suitably arranged by the Deans or head of Institutions.

6) The Out Patient department of other specialities and higher specialities will start functioning from 8.00 A.M. The Speciality departments functioning with single Unit shall conduct Out Patient at 8.00 A.M. daily. (The Out Patient departments of higher Specialities may be conducted in the O.P. Block or in the respective departments if no space is available in the O.P. Block)

#### CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS :

This Casualty will function with 3 shifts with casualty Medical Officer and duty CRRI.

Working hours : 7.00 A.M. to 1.00 P.M.

1.00 P.M. to 7.00 P.M.

7.00 P.M. to 7.00 A.M.

Medical Legal cases and non-Medico legal cases department will be dealt separately. when there are separate sanctioned posts available in the respective category. Otherwise the Casualty Medical Officer will look after the Medico - Legal and Non-Medico Legal cases.

On non-admission days the Medical Officers will report for duty at 9.00 a.m.

Operation Theatres will start functioning from 9.00 a.m.

#### DURATION OF HOSPITAL WORKING HOURS :

1. Admitting units (who report for out patient Duty) : 7 AM to 1 PM

2. Non admission Units (who have no out Patient Duty) 9 AM to 3 PM

working hours of Medical Officer will be for 6 hours both on admission and non- admission days.

3. Speciality and higher Speciality and Single Unit Department : 8 pm to 2 PM

The duty Assistant Surgeon, Duty Assistant Physician and any other duty Medical officer (Orthopaedics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics etc.,) in any Department will be on duty in the Hospital for 24 hours from 7 AM to 7 AM the next day with provision to avail post duty off on the following day. One Assistant Surgeon will be on duty in all other Specialities as decided by the Head of the Institutions to attend emergencies as and when called by the duty Medical Officers. The above Hospital working hours will be for both Civil Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons.

4. The following department shall work for 24 hours with one Technician, One radiographer and Pharmacist on duty after duty hours :

- a) 24 hours Laboratory including Clinical Pathology, Microbiology and bio-Chemistry.
- b) X-ray Department
- c) E.C.G. Laboratory
- d) Pharmacy
- e) Emergency theatre
- f) blood Bank

and any other department as decided by Head of Institution.

Every ward in the departments where teaching programme is carried out should have a Laboratory annexed to it and function as per the Medical Council of India regulations, The above schedule is besides the teaching programme as mentioned in the ref. No. 7344C/ME 11/1/76, dt 29.10.76. All Investigation facilities x - ray ECG etc. should be made available in the Out Patient Department.

The rotation of post-graduates should be as follows:-

1) First 6 months to work in the Unit in the 'respective speciality to which the candidate is first' allotted during which period the details of topic of Dissertation case histories shall be decided by the Unit Chief to each candidate.

2) Next one year to work in all the allied specialities to be decided by the Head of the Department according to the regulations of Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical university.

3) To work for 6 months in other Units of the specialities other than one to which the candidate originally allotted by rotation uniformly dividing the period among the number of units available.

4) Last one year to work in the Unit to which the candidate originally allotted for completion and submission of dissertation of case histories.

#### **Higher Specialities (2 years course) :**

1) First 6 months to work in the Unit to which the post -graduate is allotted.

2) Next 6 months to work in the other units of the speciality other than to which the candidate is originally allotted, by rotation uniformly dividing one period among the number of units available.

4. The Medical Officers who are working in Primary Health Centres where quarters are available, will continue to draw a sum of Rs. 400/- p.m. as Rural allowance subject to the condition that the Medical Officer should reside in the place where the Primary Health Centre is situated.

5. This order takes effect from the date of this order.

6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its G.O. No.1445/FS/P/91 date 25-3-1991.

(ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT )

JAG MOHAN SINGH KANG

Secretary to Government

## **ABSTRACT**

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS - Increasing of working hours of O.P. in Government Teaching Hospitals and non-teaching Hospitals in District, Taluk and non-Taluk Hospitals including Government Dispensaries - Orders - Issued.

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### **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

G.O. Ms. No.463.

Dated 12th September, 1996

#### **ORDER :**

The State Government are very keen on improving the Health care of the people coming to the Government hospitals and dispensaries. The Government have already taken a number of measures to ensure better Health care facilities in the State. One of the major problems in the General Out patient (O.P.) departments in the hospitals is over crowding leading to inadequate attention to patients.

2. The present O.P. hours are for a short duration only. The limited number of hours for outpatients results in over crowding in the hospitals. Consequently, the patients visiting the Hospitals for Health care as well as the Medical Officers engaged in attending to out patients find it extremely difficult to carry out detailed diagnosis on patients. The Government have also been receiving complaints from the Public about over crowding in O.P. departments in all hospitals. The Government have been considering the possibility of increasing the O.P. hours in hospitals to reduce the over crowding and to improve patient care in hospitals in consultation with Director of Medical Education and Director of Medical and Rural Health Services.

3. The Government, after due consultation with the Director of Medical Education and Director of Medical and Rural Health Services have decided to increase the morning O.P hours upto 12.00 Noon in the teaching hospitals and other district, taluk and non-taluk hospitals including Government Dispensaries.

The Government hope that the increase in morning O.P. hours will achieve the twin-objectives viz. (i) to enable the people of all walks of life to avail the Medical facilities according to their convenience within the increased O.P. hours, avoiding the rush in the hospitals; and (ii) to allow the Medical Officers engaged in O.P. hours to devote more time on patient examination and diagnosis.

4. The Government, accordingly, direct that the morning O.P. hours in all teaching hospitals be from 7.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon and in all other district, taluk and non-taluk hospitals and Government Dispensaries be from 7.30 A.M. to 12.00 noon. The Government further direct that so far as Primary Health Centres are concerned, there is no change in the timing of the existing O.P. hours- There will be no change in Speciality O.P. hours and evening O.P. hours.

5. The change in O.P. timing hours will come into force with immediate effect. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services and the Director of Medical Education are requested to issue suitable instructions to all concerned for strict compliance of the orders of the Government in Para 4 above.

(By Order of the Governor)

R. POORNALINGAM,

Secretary to Government.

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## HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Government letter No.27040/F1/9941 dt. 9. 6.1999.

From

Thiru V.Viswanathan, I.A.S.,

Secretary to Government

To

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-5.

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai - 6

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine,

Chennai - 6.

All Deans of Government Medical Colleges,

All Directors of Health Services.

Sir,

Sub: Government Hospital - Changing of timings in Government teaching Medical Institutions orders issued Amendment issued.

Ref: 1. G.O. Ms. No.463 Health dated 12.9.69.

2. Government letter Mo.62210/F1/96-I dt 1.10.96

3. From the State President Tamil Nadu Doctors Association letter dated.

4. From the Director Medical Education letter No. 244993AEH//99 dated 21.5.99.

5. From the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services letter ref No. 16773/E7/3/99 dated 31.3.99

In-Partial Modification of the orders issued in para 4 of the Government Orders first cited as subsequently amended in Government letter second cited, I am directed to issue the following amendment.

## AMENDMENT

For the existing paragraph 4 of the said Government order read with Government letter second cited, the following paragraphs shall be substituted :

The Government accordingly direct that the morning OP Hours in all teaching hospitals and in all other District, Taluk and Non Taluk hospitals and in and Government Dispensaries be from 7.30 am to 12.00 noon. The Government further direct that so far as Primary Health centres are concerned there is no change in the timing of the exiting of hours. There will be no change in the super / higher speciality OP hours and evening OP hours.

yours faithfully,

For secretary to Government