



INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TAMILNADU

NEWS LETTER NO.16

Dear All,

We are attaching the Government order regarding RAMP in the existing hospital buildings.

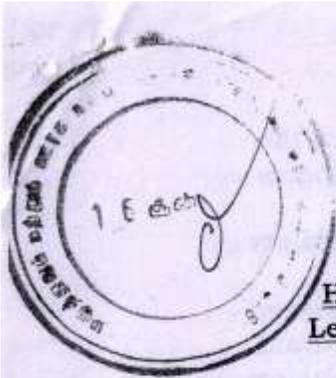
Our request has been implemented in an appropriate way. Hospitals must have a Disaster committee and implement the order. It's saving our money; let's do as per the GO.

Our sincere Thanks to the Health Secretary

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT
Letter No. 43284 / E2 / 2015-18, Dated: 14.06.2017

From
Dr.J. Radhakrishnan, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary to Government

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To
The Director General of Police/Director, Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services,
Chennai-08.
The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-10.
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-06.
The Member Secretary, Chennai Metropolitan Development
Authority, Chennai-8.
The Director of Town and Country Planning, Chennai-02.
All major Private Hospitals through Director of Medical and
Rural Health Services, Chennai-6.
The President, Indian Medical Association, Chennai-18.
The Engineer-in-Chief (Buildings) and Chief Engineer (Buildings),
Public Works Department, Chennai-05.
The Secretary, Medical Council of India, Pocket 14, Sector 8,
Dwarka, phase I, New Delhi-110077.(w.e)
Sir/Madam,

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Sub: Establishment - Implementation of Guidelines
for fire safety methods in existing hospital
buildings and Constitution of Experts
Committee to inspect and monitor the fire
fighting arrangements in Hospitals and Medical
Centres both Government and Private in Tamil
Nadu - Orders - Issued-Further Instructions -
Regarding.

Ref: Government Letter No.43284 /E2/2016-17,
Health and Family Welfare Department, dated:
05.06.2017.

In continuation of the Government letter cited, I am directed to state that the Principal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department, Secretariat, Chennai has discussed the issue on 05.06.2017. Based on the discussions, with regard to the implementation of the guidelines already issued in Government Letters and Government Orders, the following instructions are issued:-

- i. Fire fighting and fire safety should be given top priority.
- ii. Each Medical Institutions must constitute a Committee on Disaster Management to discuss the issues.

- The composition of Committee should be Dean/Head of the Institution, RMO, PWD (Civil), and PWD (Electrical) Engineers and Para Medical staff.
- iii. Fire audit should be made compulsory as per the statutory provisions.
 - iv. Besides getting fire audit certificates, it should be ensured that all the fire safety gauges/ equipment like Yard hydrant, hose reel, sprinkles, portable fire extinguishers and fire alarm detector are available in the buildings in good condition with adequate water supply and they are maintained in a good manner to tackle the fire accidents.
 - v. In Hospital complexes having more number of multi storey blocks, every block / building should be connected by ramp/s. While considering the question of construction of ramps in buildings, linking two or more nearby multi storey building should be planned to overcome the space and financial constraints.
 - vi. Disaster Management Committee should meet once in a month and discuss the disaster management plan for the institution including fire. Their discussion should also centred on evacuation procedure and routes. They may also, inspect the institution's premises to check and remove the inflammable particles and other things, which may either pose danger or may cause health hazards in the institutions.
 - vii. The Dean/Head of the Institutions should have adequate arrangements for power backup in cases of power failures and it should be ensured that the high end life saving equipments like ventilators, etc., should be provided with uninterrupted power supply.
 - viii. Necessary arrangement must be provided in the buildings for easy evacuation of patients at the time of distress. Server room should properly be earthed and air conditioned.
 - ix. For the proposed new buildings, while preparing the Rough Cost Estimate in consultation with PWD Officials, the Dean/ Head of the Institution should take appropriate action for the construction of ramp wherever possible.
 - x. Furnish the progress made thereon every fortnight.

I am therefore to request you to comply with the above instruction positively together with the orders issued in G.O.(Ms).No.118, H&FW(E2) Dept, Dated:20.04.2017., to the Government.

Your faithfully,



For Principal Secretary to Government

16/6/17

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The Health and Family Welfare (H) Department,
Chennai-09.