



ABSTRACT

The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (Central Act 42 of 1994)
- Reconstitution of Authorization Committee at State and District level and to increase the processing fee– Notification – Issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (Z1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No. 396

Dated: 08.09.2025

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2056

விசுவாச வரட்டம், ஆவணி-23

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No.287, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated: 05.05.1995.
2. G.O.(Ms)No.341, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated: 29.10.2003.
3. G.O.(Ms).No.453, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 25.10.2021.
4. G.O.(Ms).No.556, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 15.12.2021.

Read also:-

5. From the Director of Medical Education and Research, Chennai-10, letter Ref.No.39200/H&DII/4/2023, dated 28.04.2023, 31.10.2023 and 22.02.2024.

ORDER:-

In the Government order first read above, an Authorization Committee at Chennai was constituted as per clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 9 of the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (Central Act 42 of 1994) to give approval to the applications for removal and transplantation of Human Organs.

2. In the Government Order second read above, orders were issued for formulating new guidelines and decentralizing the Authorization Committee by way of forming two more Authorization Committee at Madurai and Coimbatore, apart from the Authorization Committee already functioning at the office of the Director of Medical Education and Research, Chennai.

3. In the Government order third read above, orders were issued to constitute an Authorization Committee in the Government Hospital, Dharmapuri. In the Government Order fourth read above, necessary notification to the above orders was issued.

4. In the letter fifth read above, the Director of Medical Education and Research has stated that the Authorization Committee needs to be reformed to make the Authorization Committees more accountable and efficient in its functioning and requested to issue orders of the Government to re-constitute the Authorization Committee and to increase the processing fee for the Authorization Committee. The Director of Medical Education and Research has submitted revised proposal for

re-constitution of Authorization Committees as required under rules 11 and 13 of the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Rules, 2014.

5. The Government, after careful examination, have decided to accept the proposal of the Director of Medical Education and Research. Accordingly, the Government hereby reconstitute the Authorization Committees and specify the roles of such Committees and revise the Processing fee as in the Appendix.

6. The appended notification will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette, Extraordinary.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

P.SENTHILKUMAR,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To:

The Works Manager, Government General Press,
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The Director of Medical Education & Research, Chennai- 600 010.

The Commissioner of Revenue Administration, Chennai – 600 005.

The Director General of Police, Chennai

The Commissioner of Police, Chennai

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

All Deans.

All the District collectors.

Deputy Commissioner of Police concerned

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Chennai.

Indian Medical Association, Chennai

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The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Health and Family Welfare),
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The Personal Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department,
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The Health and Family Welfare (Data Cell/S) Department, Chennai – 600 009.

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APPENDIX
NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (4) of section 9 of the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 (Central Act 42 of 1994), and in supersession of all earlier notifications previously published thereto on the subject, the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby reconstitute the State Level Authorization Committee and District Level Authorization Committees for the purposes of the said Act, with their specific roles as indicated below:-

I. STATE LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE

The composition of the State Level Authorization Committee shall be as follows:-

1. Director of Medical Education and Chairperson
Research, Kilpauk, Chennai.
2. Dean, Stanley Medical College, Chennai. Member
3. Dean, Kilpauk Medical College, Chennai. Member
4. Deputy Commissioner of Police (HQ), Member
Chennai.
5. Women Doctor Representative of Indian Member
Medical Association.
6. Deputy Director of Medical Education, O/o. Member
Director of Medical Education and
Research, Chennai.
7. Director of Medical and Rural Health Member
Services or his nominee.

SPECIFIC ROLES OF THE STATE LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE:

1. The Committee shall process the applications of Foreign National admitted for transplant in a registered hospital within the State of Tamil Nadu and approve or reject the same by recording the reasons therefor.
2. It shall also process the applications of Indian National from other States admitted for transplant in a registered hospital within the State of Tamil Nadu and approve or reject the same by recording the reasons therefor.
3. The State Level Authorization Committee shall oversee the functioning of District Level Committees.

II. DISTRICT LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEES

**A. NORTHERN DISTRICT LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE, CHENNAI
@ MADRAS MEDICAL COLLEGE, CHENNAI
(Comprising Chennai, Kancheepuram, Thiruvallur, Vellore, Ranipet,
Chengalpattu, Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Cuddalore and Tirupathur
Districts).**

The composition of the Northern District Level Authorization Committee shall be as follows:-

1. Dean, Madras Medical College, Chairperson
Chennai.

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| 2. | Director/Professor, Institute of General Medicine, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai. | | Member |
| 3. | Director/Professor, Institute of General Surgery, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai. | .... | Member |
| 4. | Representative of the Collector not lower than the rank of Deputy-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer | .... | Member |
| 5. | Assistant Commissioner of Police of the Chennai City | .... | Member |
| 6. | Director of Medical and Rural Health Services nominee: Joint Director of Health Services | .... | Member |
| 7. | Woman Doctor representative of Indian Medical Association. | .... | Member |

B.CENTRAL DISTRICT LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE, THANJAVUR @ THANJAVUR MEDICAL COLLEGE, THANJAVUR
(Comprising Thanjavur, Trichy, Karur, Pudukottai, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Ariyalur, and Perambalur Districts).

The composition of the Central District Level Authorization Committee shall be as follows:-

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| 1. | Dean, Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur. | | Chairperson |
| 2. | Head of the Department/ Professor of General Medicine, Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur. | | Member |
| 3. | Head of the Department / Professor of General Surgery, Thanjavur Medical College, Thanjavur. | .... | Member |
| 4. | Representative of the Collectorate not lower than the rank of Deputy-Collector/Revenue Divisional Officer. | .... | Member |
| 5. | Deputy Superintendent of Police of the Thanjavur district. | .... | Member |
| 6. | Woman Doctor representative of Indian Medical Association | .... | Member |
| 7. | Director of Medical and Rural Health Services nominee: Joint Director of Health Services | .... | Member |

C. WESTERN DISTRICT LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE, COIMBATORE @ COIMBATORE MEDICAL COLLEGE, COIMBATORE
(Comprising Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Tiruppur, Namakkal, Salem, Kallakurichi, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Erode Districts).

The composition of the Western District Level Authorization Committee shall be as follows:-

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| 1. | Dean, Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore. | | Chairperson |
| 2. | Head of the Department / Professor of General Medicine, Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore. | | Member |
| 3. | Head of the Department / Professor of General Surgery, Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore. | .... | Member |
| 4. | Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Coimbatore District. | .... | Member |
| 5. | Woman Doctor representative of Indian Medical Association. | .... | Member |
| 6. | Representative of the Collectorate not lower than the rank of Deputy-Collector/RDO | .... | Member |
| 7. | Director of Medical and Rural Health Services nominee: Joint Director of Health Services | .... | Member |

D. SOUTHERN DISTRICT LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE, MADURAI @ MADURAI MEDICAL COLLEGE, MADURAI

(Comprising Madurai, Dindigul, Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Kanyakumari, Virudhunagar, Tenkasi and Theni Districts)

The composition of the Southern District Level Authorization Committee shall be as follows:-

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| 1. | Dean, Madurai Medical College, Madurai. | | Chairperson |
| 2. | Head of the Department / Professor of General Medicine, Madurai Medical College, Madurai. | | Member |
| 3. | Head of the Department / Professor of General Surgery, Madurai Medical College, Madurai. | .... | Member |
| 4. | Deputy Commissioner of Police of the Madurai City. | | Member |
| 5. | Woman Doctor representative of Indian Medical Association. | | Member |

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| 6. | Representative of the Collectorate not lower than the rank of Deputy-Collector/ Revenue Divisional Officer. | | Member |
| 7. | Director of Medical and Rural Health Services nominee: Joint Director of Health Services. | .... | Member |

Whenever the post of Head of the Department / Professor is vacant, the senior most doctor in the department shall preside over the meeting.

SPECIFIC ROLES OF THE DISTRICT LEVEL AUTHORIZATION COMMITTEE:

(1) The Committee shall either grant or reject the applications for transplant of natives of Tamil Nadu, being treated in authorized hospitals located within the districts allocated to the District Level Authorization Committee.

(2) The Committee will receive and process applications both for near-relative and other than near relative donors. Only the authorized hospitals can apply to the Committee.

The Authorization Committee shall focus attention on the following:-

- i. The Authorization committee shall take measures to study the link between the donor and recipient. The authorization committee shall delve into the circumstances under which they met and whether there is altruistic intention in the donation. The authorization committee to speak to near relatives, friends of donor over phone and directly whenever possible to rule out any coercion in the donation. The authorised hospitals shall be responsible to verify the health condition of the recipient/donor and correctness of the address and identity of the recipient.
- ii. Based on such proposals received from the authorized hospitals, the concerned Authorization Committee shall verify the identity / nativity with Ration Card / Election Photo Identity Card / Aadhar Card or any other approved photo identity document issued by the State Government / Central Government. If there is doubt in the link between the donor and recipient, then assistance of the local Deputy Superintendent of Police / Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Divisional Officer may be sought.
- iii. The possibility of empanelling independent reputed non-profit NGO's to counsel donors who apply to the authorization on the issues involved in the organ transplantation as well as for pre and post operative follow up be explored by the appropriate authority. Till a reputed agency is identified, the chairmen of the committee shall mobilize a team of staff who can do counselling and educate donors on the process. The mental and physical preparedness of donor is to be assessed by the committee members.
- iv. In the case of recipients who are natives of other States or Foreign countries and non-resident in our State any non relative donors should normally be from their State / country only and should bring clearance from the concerned Authorization Committee governing their area.
- v. The tests for Human Leukocyte Antigen(HLA) matching should be done by a lab which is not attached or affiliated to the hospital where the transplantation is to be performed. The appropriate authority shall take steps to empanel standard laboratories which are approved for this purpose. Till such time, Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme empanelled

hospital labs may be relied. Standard parameters for ascertaining the health of the recipient / donor will also be prescribed by him which have to be produced before the Authorization Committee. The committee has to ensure that the lab reports in the prescribed form 5 and also that head of the laboratory has signed the form and not other persons.

RECORD KEEPING:

- i. All the application for organ transplantation should be examined through a check-list as mandated in the Act / Rules / Guidelines and Government orders.
- ii. The authorized hospitals shall submit their monthly report to the respective Authorization Committee and the appropriate authority (Director of Medical and Rural Health Services) about the details of application submitted to the State / District Authorization Committees, details of application accepted / rejected / pending before the concerned as well as transplantation done in their hospitals. If they fail to comply with this obligation, the appropriate authority shall take steps to cancel the approval granted to them for the transplantation after affording the opportunity of being heard.
- iii. The Authorization Committee and office of the appropriate authority should develop and supply model formats for maintenance of records at the authorized hospitals. The format shall be comprehensive and self contained. The appropriate authority should take up the said activity and design the revised records to be maintained at each level before 31st March of every year. The appropriate authority should periodically checkup the details furnished by the authorized hospitals with the details available with the Authorization Committee.

PROCESSING FEE:

The Processing fee of Rs.2000/- per application be collected by the Authorization Committee and Rs.1000/- (50%) be remitted to the Government account and the balance Rs.1000/- (50%) be utilized by the Committee towards administrative expenditure of the State/ District Committees. The funds shall be maintained in a separate account and may be utilized to meet administrative expenditure and creation of awareness to the public. The State Level Committee to purely review the financial expenditure.

**P.SENTHILKUMAR,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

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