



ABSTRACT

Establishment – Recruitment to the post of Assistant Surgeons by the Medical Services Recruitment Board - Incentive marks for Medical Officers for their temporary service rendered during Covid Pandemic - Granted – Amendment Order – Issued.

Health and Family Welfare (B1) Department

G.O.(Ms.) No. 371

Dated : 18.11.2023

**Thiruvalluvar Aandu – 2054
Sobakirudhu, Karthigai - 2**

Read:

1. Interim Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, Chennai in W.P.No.20742 of 2023 filed by Dr.Adams Pushparaj and 13 others, dated 13.07.2023.
2. From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine letter No.5185045/E5/ A3/2023, dated 22.07.2023 and 07.08.2023.
3. G.O.(Ms). No.278, Health and Family Welfare (B1) Department dated 17.08.2023.
4. Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, Chennai in W.P.No.25827, 25785 and 27568 of 2023 filed by Dr.D.Hariharan and 3 others, dated 16.11.2023.
5. From the Director of Medical Education and Research, letter Ref.No.813538/ME2/1/2023, dated 18.11.2023.
6. From the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services letter Ref.No.27025 / DNB Admn.Cell / 2020, dated 18.11.2023.

ORDER:-

In the Government order third read above, orders have been issued granting incentive marks upto 5 marks to the Medical Officers who have worked in Government Medical Institutions, during Covid pandemic in addition to the marks obtained in the examinations held by Medical Services Recruitment Board for the post of Assistant Surgeon.

2. In its order fourth read above, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, Chennai has passed the following orders:

"8. In the result,

(i) The Writ Petitions in W.P.Nos.25785 and 27568 of 2023 shall stand dismissed

(ii) W.P.No.25827 of 2023 shall stand partly allowed and is disposed of on the following terms

(a) G.O. (Ms).No.278, dated 17.08.2023 issued by the respondents is valid and is in accordance with law;

(b) The impugned letter bearing Ref.No.081353 / ME2 / 1 / 2023, dated: 23.08.2023 shall stand quashed;

(c) The petitioners and the other similarly situated applicants, who performed COVID – 19 duty in Government Hospitals should also be considered as “Medical Officers” for the purpose of grant of incentive marks vide G.O.(Ms).No.278, dated 17.08.2023 and within 10 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, they shall approach appropriate authority under paragraph No.5(1)(i)(e) and upon their applications, the COVID duty Certificate in the Prescribed format shall be provided to them within 5 days of their application and accordingly, on the basis of the same, as per the criteria mentioned in the paragraph No.5(1)(i) of the Government Order, they shall be awarded incentive Marks;”

3. In his letter fifth read above, the Director of Medical Education and Research has requested to amend the G.O.(Ms). No.278, Health and Family Welfare (B1) Department dated 17.08.2023 as follows:-

1. Clause 5(1)(i) of the GO shall read as “Medical Officer including Post Graduates who performed Covid 19 duty in Government Hospitals”.
2. Clause 5(1)(i)(e) shall read as e(i) for Medical officers (as already provided in GO) and e(ii) Post Graduates who performed COVID-19 duty in Government Hospitals should , having their allotment letter and joining report for joining and course completion certificate for relieving, to get the “Covid Duty Certificate” in the prescribed format annexed with this order , duly indicating the attendance (i.e) the period they have worked in that institution and pay given to the individual at that time from the appropriate authority.
3. The Covid Period shall be considered as from date of Commencement of Covid Duty to the Last date of Covid Duty based on the Duty Roaster, Records and Registers available at the Institutions pertaining to the Covid 19 duty.

4. The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services in his letter sixth read above, has stated that in the academic year of 2018-19, the DNB Courses have started with 7 Specialties in 7 Government Head Quarters Hospital and 1 Non-Taluk Hospital and at present 421 candidates are pursuing DNB course in the Government Head Quarters Hospitals and Government Medical Colleges and requested to consider giving incentive marks to the DNB candidates who performed their duties in the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. The Government have examined the proposal of the Director of Medical Education and Research and Director of Medical and Rural Health Services in the light of High Court Order and issue the following amendment to the G.O.(Ms). No.278, Health and Family Welfare (B1) Department dated 17.08.2023.

Amendment

- a) For the words, "**Medical Officers**" mentioned in the Para 5.1.(i). of the above Government Order, the words "**Medical Officers including Post Graduate Students**" shall be substituted.
- b) Instead of the existing condition mentioned in Para 5.1.(i).(e), the following condition may be replaced.
- (e). *The Medical Officers including Post Graduate Students should, using their appointment order and relieving order / termination order / Duty Roaster / Registers pertaining to Covid 19 duty, get the 'Covid Duty Certificate' in the prescribed format annexed with this order, duly indicating the attendance (i.e) the period they have worked in that institution and pay given to the individual at that time from the appropriate authority.*

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To

The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai.
The Chairman, The Medical Services Recruitment Board, Chennai – 600 006.
The Director of Medical Education and Research, Chennai – 600 010.
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai – 600 006.
The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services (ESI), Chennai – 600 006.
The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai – 600 006.
All Commissioners of Corporations / Municipalities.
The District Treasury Officer concerned.
The Accountant General, Chennai – 600 018.
The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai – 600 018.

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Chennai-600 009.
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18/11/23
SECTION OFFICER