



ABSTRACT

Public Health Act, 1939 – Cancer as a Notified disease – Notification - Issued

Health and Family Welfare (EAP II-1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.66

Dated : 22.02.2018
Heyvilambi, Maasi-10
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2049

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms).No.132, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated:17.04.2012.
2. From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, letter No.85037/Epi/S2/2017, dated: 17.10.2017.

ORDER:

In this Government Order first read above, the Government have permitted the Chairman, Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai to collect data (through the Project, "Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project"), on Cancer Patients from all Government Hospitals under the Control of Director of Medical Education / Director of Medical and Rural Health Services / Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine including ESI Hospitals, and in all Hospitals Laboratories, Nursing Homes under private sector and private practitioners and data will also be collected from Cancer Screening programmes, Insurance Scheme under the Government / Private Sectors.

2. At present, Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) staff visit all possible sources located in Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry to abstract data on new cancer cases from the available records. The project is functioning extremely satisfactorily. Only linkage with cancer mortality data has not been done so far.

3. The Chairman, Adyar Cancer Institute has also stated that Data from Government Institutions are fairly total. But in the case of the data from private hospitals, it is no sure the numbers of private hospitals in most of the larger districts are quite high and varied. The information from these centres can be effectively captured only if cancer is declared as a notifiable disease by a Government Order. Data on cancer cases can be notified to the Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) by email /fax/post. This will promote timeliness in data availability to generate results rapidly.

4. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has stated that the whole of Tamil Nadu State came under cancer registration coverage through the Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP), a collaborative joint program of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu and the Cancer Institute (Women's Indian Association), Chennai, since year 2012. Such continuing cancer surveillance till date, through population based cancer registries has provided significant leads for cancer control and detection programs and formulation of cancer policy for diagnosis and treatment of cancer by the

Government. Hence, cancer is deemed as a disease of sufficient importance to the public health, that its occurrence has to be "compulsorily notified" to the Government using Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) notification form through Deputy Director Health Service of respective districts, whom in turn should communicate to Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Mission Director of National Health Mission with a copy marked to Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) using Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) notification form.

Nodal Officer at Health Unit District – Deputy Director of Health Services (DDHS)
Nodal Officer at State – Joint Director (Epidemiology)

Line-list data on new cancer patients/cancer deaths have to be notified to the Government using Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) form by the following agencies:

- (a) All the hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Medical Education, the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, the Directorate of Medical and Rural Health Services and the Directorate of Employee's State Insurance (ESI)
- (b) All Medical colleges (Government and Private/Corporate) hospitals, all hospitals including Employee's State Insurance (ESI) industries, railways, civil, military and others under State and Central Government.
- (c) All Private/Corporate Hospitals (General, Speciality), day care cancer services, consultants, nursing homes, general medical practitioners.
- (d) All Pathology/Haematology laboratories, imaging centres (Government and private sectors)
- (e) All other cancer support services like palliative care centres, hospices, etc.
- (f) Cancer screening programs, Health Insurance schemes (Government and Private)

5. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has stated that it is a continuing program, all new in-situ and invasive cancers must be notified. It will be the responsibility of every Doctor/pathologist/ medical establishment to promptly notify the cancer cases to the Government within a reasonable time but not exceeding one month from the date of diagnosis. Strict confidentiality will be maintained on the identity of the cancer patients notified to the Tamil Nadu Cancer Registry Project (TNCRP) and only non-identifiable summary frequency data will be released or published for academic/ research purposes. The Director of Medical Education, Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Director of Medical and Rural Health Services and Director (ESI) will ensure dissemination of this Government order to all the stake-holders for its implementation by both Government and non-Government entities.

6. The Government after careful consideration, have decided to declare cancer as a notifiable disease under the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939

(Tamil Nadu Act III of 1939) Accordingly the following notification will be published in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 62 of the Tamil Nadu Public Health Act, 1939 (Tamil Nadu Act III of 1939), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby declares that Cancer disease is a notified disease in Tamil Nadu for the purpose of Part II in Chapter VII of the said Act.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**J.RADHAKRISHNAN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

- The Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai-6.
- The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Health System Project, Chennai-6.
- The Director of Medical Education, Chennai -10.
- The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai - 6.
- The Director of Public Health Preventive Medicine, Chennai - 6.
- The Director of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy, Chennai - 106.
- The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation, Chennai-8.
- The Chairman, Medical Services Recruitment Board, Chennai-6.
- The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, Chennai-8.
- The Commissioner of Food Safety and Drugs Control Administration, Chennai-6.
- The Director of Family Welfare, Chennai-6.
- The Director, Tamil Nadu State Health Transport Department, Chennai-32.
- The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State Blindness Control Society, Chennai- 8.
- The Director of Drugs Control, Chennai-6.
- The Project Director, Reproductive Child Health Project, Chennai-6.
- ✓The Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai-20.

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- The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Health and Family Welfare Department), Chennai- 600 009.
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