



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department – Medical Education Service - Establishment -
Compulsory Medical Service of PG doctors - Further Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER

From the year 2004 onwards, Clause XII (b) provisions of the Prospectus for Admission to Medical PG Degree / DNB / Diploma courses 2004 stipulated that the applicants selected to PG courses will have to execute a bond at the time of joining the course to the effect that they will serve the Government for 5 years after the completion of the course if the Government requires so. In this connection, Director of Medical Education vide reference has informed the Government that the students joined under 2004 PG admission have completed their Diploma course and passed the University examinations conducted during May, 2006. Due to the acute scarcity of Doctors in the State, especially in rural areas, Government has decided to invoke the conditions in the prospectus for admission to Medical PG Degree/Diploma Course, ie., the students who successfully complete Post Graduation course from Government Medical Colleges are liable to serve in public health institutions if required by Government.

Even though live Public Service Commission Rank list of Assistant Surgeon is available and the Kerala Public Service Commission advised the number of candidates sought by the Director of Health Services and actual situation regarding the number of vacancies which could be effectively filled are inadequate. From January 2005 onwards, posting orders were issued by the Director of Health Services thrice in January 2005, April 2005 and June 2005 to approximately 1000 candidates advised by Public Service Commission but less than one third of all joined. Many candidates requested for extension of joining time on health grounds or other reasons. In effect, more than fifty percent of vacancies could not filled up actually due to the above reasons. The above position clearly shows that even when there is live Public Service Commission rank list and candidates are advised by Public Service Commission more than 70% candidates do not join duty.

As a result, most of the posts remain unfilled due to some reason or the other. since Government are duty bound to serve the interest of the rural poor by providing service of doctors in Public Health Institutions, it has become most essential to get the service of fresh Post Graduate who have bonded obligations to serve in rural areas. As sufficient number of doctors are not available for posting, the Health Care Policy adopted by Government is being jeopardized. The patient care especially in Community Health Centres, Taluk Hospitals etc is put to difficulties. Severe Criticisms from several quarters have been brought to the attention of Government. Since Government are committed with its health care policies it is in the interest of the public that specialist doctors are posted in rural areas compulsorily. Moreover, a student who secured admission under Government Quota has a special commitment to serve the poor people as they are studying at public cost.

Having examined all these aspects, Government are pleased to issue the following modified orders in the matter.

- i) The students who successfully complete the Post Graduate course from the Government Medical College in the State will be compulsorily appointed in public health institutions as "**SNEHITHAN / SNEHITHA DOCTORS**" for following period after obtaining registration from the State Medical Council.

Diploma Candidates	-	Six months.
DNB/PG Degree	-	Two years

However these postings are not applicable for those who came through All India quota.

- ii) A salary of Rs.500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) per day including one weekly off day and call allowance will be paid to those who are appointed as such as given below. (They will be funded through the contractual appointments permissible under NRHM)

For MBBS Doctors	Rs.500/- per day (working in 3 shifts)
Anaesthetists	Rs.1000/case
Gynaecologists	Rs.500/day for OPD and Rs.100 per call, in addition, Rs.200/- for normal, Rs.500/-for assisted and 700/- for cesarian
Surgeon/Opt	Rs.500/day for OPD and Rs.100 per call, Rs.200/- for minor surgical procedures
ENT/ORTHO	Rs.500/- for major surgical procedures
Med/Pediatrics	Rs.500/-for OPD and Rs. 100 per call

- iii) No candidate will be exempted from the rural posting. Candidates selected for PG courses will be relieved for joining the courses only on production of admission cards. They should complete rural service after PG course. Candidates who have to avail leave on genuine and inevitable grounds will be allowed to complete the period of rural posting as extension.
- iv) An amount of Rs.7,50,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Thousand only) will be levied from Diploma and non-speciality candidates and Rs.10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) from DNB/PG Degree students as penalty from those who violate the bonded conditions by either not joining or completing less than 90% of the posting period within a period of maximum of 18 months. Extension up to 18 months will be given to those who have been sanctioned leave by the Director of Health Services.
- v) The above orders will take effect immediately and will be applicable to the candidates who have been admitted to the Post Graduate courses from 2004 onwards.
- vi) The following guidelines will be scrupulously followed in the rural posting of doctors.

- (1) The Director of Medical Education will furnish the rank list of candidates who have completed House Surgency from the Government Medical

Colleges under State Quota along with their residential address and the marks secured in final PG Examination.

- (2) Allotment of stations for rural posting will be made by Directorate of Health Service as far as possible through a counseling based on merit as per rank list provided. However Government's priority will be to post doctors in Waynad, Kannur, Kasargod, Idukki and Palakkad districts. A committee comprising of Director of Health Service as chairman, Director of Medical Education, State Mission Director (NRHM), research Officer ORT, Technical Consultant (NRHM) and State Programme Manager (NRHM) as convener will allot the different districts to the candidates. Guidelines to DMO's for posting in the public health institutions will be issued separately.

(By Order of the Governor)
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Secretary to Government.

To

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The Director of Health Service, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Commissioner of Entrance Examination, Thiruvananthapuram.
The State Mission Director, National Rural Health Mission, Thiruvananthapuram
The Registrar, Travancore-Cochin Medical Council, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Principals, All Government Medical Colleges.
The Accountant General (Audit / A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.
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