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FINANCE (PENSION) DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.477, Dated 30th September, 2009

(Puratasi-14, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2040)

Pension – Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme 1995 – Specialised surgery / treatment undergone in unaccredited hospitals –Specialised surgery / treatment not included in the accredited list - Sanction of assistance -Delegation of powers to the Director of Pension - Orders – Issued.

Read:

- 1. G.O. (Ms) No. 562, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 11.07.1995
- 2. G.O. (Ms) No. 207, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 22.04.1997
- 3. G.O. (Ms) No. 378, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 13.10.2005
- 4. G.O. (Ms) No. 128, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 12.04.2007
- 5. G.O. (Ms) No. 440, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 13.09.2007
- 6. G.O. (Ms) No. 458, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 21.09.2007
- 7. G.O. (Ms) No. 50, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 19.02.2008

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ORDER:

The Government in their order first read above had constituted a fund called, "*Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund*" to provide financial assistance to pensioners for undergoing certain specialized treatments / surgeries included in the approved list, in certain accredited list of hospitals under the Scheme. In the Government Order third read above, revised consolidated orders were issued showing list of diseases and list of accredited private hospitals for availing assistance by the pensioners under this scheme. In the Government Order fourth, fifth, and seventh read above, some new hospitals have been approved for availing assistance for the specialities under this scheme.

2. In the Government Order sixth read above, orders were issued that pensioners who undergo specialized advanced surgeries / treatments in respect of diseases which are included in the list approved under the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme in unaccredited hospitals shall also be eligible for sanction of assistance subject to the certification of the District Medical Officer concerned in the Districts / Director of Medical Education, as the case may be, regarding the existence of facilities and infrastructure for the treatment / surgery in the hospital.

3. The Director of Pension has stated that the pensioners who have taken treatment in unaccredited private hospitals or who have taken treatment for the diseases other than those given in the approved list or who have taken treatment in unaccredited institutions of other States are moving Court and get favourable orders to consider such cases for sanction by Government. In order to implement the Court orders, Government issues relaxation orders, sanctioning the claims and permitting the Director of Pension to admit such claims of unapproved treatments and unaccredited institutions in the case of respective pensioners who won cases and payment is made by Director of Pension accordingly.

4. The Director of Pension has also stated that the Hon'ble High Court has observed in various judgements that "mode of treatment is at the discretion of the Doctors and the departments cannot insist particular mode of treatment alone can be taken by the patient" and that "the pensioners cannot be imposed any condition that a particular type of treatment alone should be taken or the treatment should be taken in a particular hospital".

5. The Director of Pension has therefore requested for delegation of powers to him for sanction of assistance under Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme towards treatments not approved and not listed in the G.O. (Ms) No. 378, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 13.10.2005 and also for treatments taken in institutions of other States in order to reduce hardship to the pensioners from moving Court often (on rejection of the proposals).

6. The Government, after careful consideration of the request of the Director of Pension in paragraph 5 above, pass the following orders:-

The Director of Pension is delegated with powers to sanction pending claims as well as future claims for medical assistance from the pensioners in respect of ineligible treatments as well as eligible treatments taken in unaccredited institutions, both within the State as well as outside the State, subject to the following procedure: -

In respect of treatments taken in unaccredited hospitals within the State

Proceedure prescribed in para 4 (i) (a) of the G.O. sixth read above shall be continued.

In respect of treatments taken in unaccredited hospitals outside the State

The Pension Pay Officer / District Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer / Branch Manager of Public Sector Banks after satisfying about the details furnished in the application received in his office shall send the claim direct to the Director of Pension within a week. However, certification from the District Medical Officer / Director of Medical Education need not be insisted in respect of Hospitals outside the State.

7. The other terms and conditions of the scheme shall remain unchanged.

(By order of the Governor)

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