



FINANCE (PENSION) DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.458, Dated 21st September, 2007

(Sarvajith, Puratasi-4, Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2038)

Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme - Relaxation of certain stipulations - Orders Issued.

Read:

1. G.O Ms.No.562, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 11.7.1995
2. G.O Ms.No.818, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 20.10.1995
3. G.O Ms.No.207, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 22.4.1997
4. G.O Ms.No.379, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 16.7.1997
5. G.O Ms.No.587, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 9.10.1998
6. G.O Ms.No.400, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 29.8.2000
7. G.O Ms.No.404, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 9.10.2001
8. G.O Ms.No.377, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 13.10.2005
9. G.O Ms.No.378, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 13.10.2005
10. G.O Ms.No.88, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 20.3.2007
11. G.O Ms.No.128, Finance (Pension) Department, dated 12.4.2007
12. G.O Ms.No.400, Finance (Salaries) Department, dated 29.8.2007
13. G.O.Ms.No.440, Finance (Pension)Department dated 13.09.2007

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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 specialised treatment/surgery if they are affected by major ailments. The approved list of the Special treatments/surgeries and a list of Private Hospitals accredited were annexed to the said Order to provide assistance from the fund to the pensioners for undergoing treatment. In the Government Order second read above Eye surgery/treatment was included under the Tamil Nadu Pensioners Health Fund Scheme. In the Government Order third read above, procedure for grant of assistance to the Tamil nadu Government Pensioners who are drawing pension from the Treasuries / Sub Treasuries and under the Public Sector Bank Scheme outside the State was also issued. In the Government Order seventh read above orders were issued for increasing the contribution towards the Fund by pensioners from Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- p.m with effect from 1.10.2001 in order to continue the scheme on self financing basis. Under this scheme an assistance of Rs.50,000/- or 75% of the

actual cost of treatment whichever is less is given to pensioners. In the Government order thirteenth read above, orders were issued for accreditation of additional registered private hospitals.

2. In the Government order eleventh read above, some new hospitals have been approved for availing assistance for the specialities under the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme.

3. In recent decisions of High Court, Madras at Chennai and its bench at Madurai it has been observed that it cannot be the policy of the Government to list specified hospitals in respect of Medical reimbursement so as to enable the retired Government Servants to become eligible under the schemes for reimbursement. In another case the Apex Court has observed that the denial of Medical aid will amount to the denial of fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution and in as much as the petitioner has taken medical treatment, the petitioner who has an ailment, could not be expected to stand in queue in any of the listed hospitals. Further it has also been observed that the vast strides in the medical field has opened up a number of hospitals providing speciality treatment and hence the patient's priority to avail immediate treatment and the large number of new hospitals with such facilities have to be considered.

4. The Government after careful consideration of the above issues relating to treatment/surgeries approved under the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme but availed in unaccredited hospitals pass the following orders:-

- (i) In partial modification of the orders issued in para 3 of the Government order ninth read above, it is hereby ordered that Pensioners who undergo specialised 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 the maximum grant of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) or 75% (seventy five per cent) of the actual cost of such surgery / treatment whichever is less from the date of issue of these orders subject to the following procedure:

- (a) The Pension Pay Officer / District Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer / Branch Manager of the Public Sector Bank after satisfying himself about the details furnished in the application received in his office, shall consult the District Medical Officer attached to the Government Hospitals under the control of Director of Medical and Rural Health services in the District and the Director of Medical Education in Chennai as the case may be, who shall certify the existence of facilities and infrastructure for the treatment / surgery undergone in the hospital and through Pension Pay Officer / Treasury Officer / Sub-Treasury Officer / Branch Manager of the bank concerned shall send the claim to Director of Pension within a week.

- (ii) The procedure for availing assistance to treatments approved under Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners' Health Fund Scheme through accredited hospitals shall remain unchanged.

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

(By order of the Governor)

K. GNANADESIKAN
Secretary to Government

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