



ABSTRACT

Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Department- Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister in the floor of Legislative Assembly under Rule 110, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules -Implementation of the new born screening programme for hearing loss in babies at Chennai and Sivagangai under Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII)- Sanction -Orders- Issued.

Welfare of Differently Abled Persons (DAP 2.1) Department

G.O.(Ms) No.28

Dated: 23-09-2016
துன்முகி, புரட்டாசி 7,
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2047

Read:

1. Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Floor of Legislative Assembly on 30-08-2016 Under Rule 110.
2. From the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Roc No.7019/ST2/2016, dated 29.06.2016 and-31-08-2016.

ORDER:

Under rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules among other thing the Hon'ble Chief Minister made an announcement as follows:-

" காது கேளாமையை தொடக்க நிலையிலேயே கண்டறிந்தால் இந்த குறைபாட்டை நீக்கி இயலும். எனவே, இதற்கென ஒரு முன்னோடி திட்டம் இந்த ஆண்டு செயல்படுத்தப்படும். காது கேளாத குழந்தைகள் சென்னை மற்றும் சிவகங்கை மாவட்டத்தில் அதிக அளவில் உள்ளனர். எனவே, இந்த மாவட்டங்களில் குழந்தை பிறந்தவுடன் ஒரு சிறப்பு பரிசோதனை திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்படும். சென்னையில் 11 மாநகர தாய்சேய் நல மருத்துவமனைகளில் இத்திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்படும். சிவகங்கை மாவட்ட தலைமை மருத்துவமனை, வட்டார மருத்துவமனை மற்றும் மேம்படுத்தப்பட்ட ஆரம்ப சுகாதார நிலையங்களில் இத்திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்படும். இத்திட்டம் 3 கோடியே 30 லட்சம் ரூபாய் செலவில் செயல்படுத்தப்படும்."

2. Based on the announcement, made by Hon'ble Chief Minister in the Floor of the House under the rule of 110, the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has sent proposals in the reference second read above, regarding to New Born Screening Programme for hearing loss in babies in two districts viz. Chennai and Sivagangai. He has stated that hearing loss is the most common birth defect in India, affecting young children (up to five of every thousand babies born), yet, a large number of hearing impaired children are not identified until 1 to 3 years of age which is beyond the critical period for healthy speech and language development. In addition, 3 out of 4 children

experience Otitis media (ear infection), the most common illness in babies and young children. Ear infection can cause temporary hearing, speech and language problems. If left untreated, these problems can become permanent. However, if hearing impairment is identified and treated in its early stages, studies have shown that the child's speech and language skills will be comparable to his or her normal hearing peers. For these reasons, hearing screening at birth and routine test throughout childhood is extremely important. Hearing Screening with Oto Acoustic Emission (OAE) and Auditory Brain stem Response (ABR) is the first step to early identification and intervention.

3. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has further stated that prevalence of hearing loss is very high in Tamil Nadu and hence, it becomes essential to provide services to persons with hearing impairment. In Chapter IV, Section 25, subsection (c) and (f) of Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, envisages the appropriate Governments and local authority to take certain steps for the prevention of occurrence of disabilities.

4. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has also stated that at present, Early Diagnostic Centres have been established in 29 districts under Part II Scheme. These centres are equipped with sophisticated equipment for screening of newborn babies. Early Diagnostic Centres for the Hearing Impaired to be set up at and managed by the District Rehabilitation Centre in 29 Districts aims at screening, diagnosing and intervening new born babies and children with hearing impairment in the age group of 0-5 years and also providing intensive early intervention.

5. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has now proposed to have New Born screening programme in two districts namely Chennai and Sivagangai as pilot project. In Chennai screening will be conducted in 11 Corporation Maternity hospitals making use of Audiologist, State Resource cum Training Centre, nurses attached to Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) (maternity hospital) and Special Educators, Early Intervention Centres, State Resource cum Training Centre. In Sivagangai, screening will be conducted in the District Head Quarters Hospital, Taluk hospital and upgraded Primary Health Centres utilizing the services of Audiologist, District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Sivagangai, nurses attached to the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) and Special Educators, Early Intervention Centres.

6. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled has further stated as follows:-

Primary Objective:

The main objective of the project is to screen and identify hearing loss in babies as young as 6 months.

Secondary Objective:

To transfer the identified babies to early diagnostic centers for detailed and differential diagnosis.

Tertiary Objective:

To intervene the child with appropriate prosthesis followed habilitation as young as 12 months of age.

Levels of Screening

1st Level: Within first 72 hours of birth at the hospital.

2nd Level Screening: If the baby fails the 1st level of Screening.

3rd Level Screening: If the child fails 2nd level of Screening.

Instrumentation

1. Screening Oto Acoustic Emission (OAE)
2. Screening ABR (ABR)
3. Immittance Audiometer

Infrastructure

1. Sound Treated cabin at PHC/Maternity Hospital
2. Mobile Audiology Unit with Sound treated cabin
3. Computers/Lap Top
4. Computer Accessories
5. Internet Facility (data Card).

7. Further, he has stated that, the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled will be the Project Officer in Chennai. Project will be implemented by the State Resource cum Training Centre, K.K.Nagar, Chennai and in Sivagangai will be implemented through District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Sivagangai.

8. Based on the Announcement made by Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Floor of Assembly on 30.08.2016 Under Rule 110 and the subsequent the proposal of the State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, after careful examination Government issue orders as follows:-

- i. To implement New Born Screening programme for hearing loss in babies in two districts viz., Chennai and Sivagangai during the year 2016-2017 through State Resource cum Training Centre, K.K.Nagar, Chennai and District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Sivagangai in coordination with Chennai Corporation and the Health Department.
- ii. To sanction a sum of Rs. 3,30,77,600/- (Rupees Three crores thirty lakhs seventy seven thousand and six hundred only) from the State Innovation Funds under Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives (TANII) as detailed in Annexure-I & II to this order towards expenditure on the above scheme invoking appropriate procurement procedures.

9. The expenditure sanctioned at para 8 above shall be debited under the following Head of Account:-

"2235- Social Security and Welfare-02. Social Welfare-101- Welfare of Differently Abled Persons Schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan-II. State Plan-MY-New born screening Programme for hearing loss in babies at Chennai and Sivagangai Districts 09 Grants- in- Aid -03 Grants for specific schemes".
(DP Code:2235 02 101 MY-0936)

10. The above expenditure shall be met from the State Innovation Funds by deducting under the following head of account:-

"2235-Social Security and Welfare-02-Social Welfare-902- Deduct Amount met from Tamil Nadu Special Welfare Fund-JA-Deduct-Amount Met from State Innovation Fund-30- Inter Account Transfer .
[DPC:2235-02-902-JA-3007] and

contra debiting

J-Reserve Fund (b) Reserve Funds not bearing Interest-8229-00-Development and Welfare Funds-200 Other Development and Welfare Funds-BE-State Innovation Fund.

[DPC: 8229-00-200-BE-0006] out go

11. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled , Chennai-78 is authorized to draw the amount sanctioned in para-8 above and disburse the same to the concerned.

12. The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled is the Estimating, Reconciling and controlling authority for the above new Head of account. The Pay and Accounts Officer/ Treasury Officer concerned shall open this head of account in their books.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance department vide its U.O. No.45980/Fin(SW)/2016, dated 21.09.2016.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

**Md. NASIMUDDIN,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

To
The State Commissioner for the Differently Abled, Chennai-78.
The Accountant General, Chennai -18.
The Pay and Accountant Officer, Chennai – 35.
The District Differently Abled Welfare Officer, Chennai and Sivagangai Districts (through State Commissioner for the Differently Abled)

Copy to:

The Finance(SW/BG-II) Department, Chennai-9.
The Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai-9.
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The Special Programme Implementation Department, Chennai-9.
The Hon'ble Chief Minister Office, Chennai-9.
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UNDER SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT .

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