



**D.O. Letter No.6656627/R2/2024-1, Dated:14.03.2024**

Dear Collector,

Sub: Maternal Death Audit at the District Level – Procedure to be followed for Conduction Maternal Death Audit – guidelines for Conduction of Maternal Death Audit – Certain Instruction – Regarding.

- Ref: 1. G.O.(Ms.) No.223, Health and Family Welfare (R1) Department, dated 9.7.2004.  
2. G.O:(Ms.) No.389, Health and Family Welfare (R2) Department, dated 4.9.2018.  
3. From the Mission Director, National Health Mission, Letter No.6326/NHM/P1/2011, dated 22.12.2023 and 12.03.2024.

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I invite your attention to the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, and to state that the State Level CEMONC Committee has recommended to issue instructions to the District Authority for smooth conduction of Maternal Death Audit by the District Administration.

2. In this connection, I am to state that the Government have already issued Guidelines for conducting of Maternal Death Audit vide reference first and second cited. In continuation of the above Government orders, the following instructions are to be ensured by the District level Maternal Deaths Audit Committee:

- a) The Purpose of the Maternal Death Audit by the District Collector is to analyse the following 4 delays to identify the Observations to prevent Maternal Deaths and to submit the recommendations to National Health Mission - Tamilnadu and the concerned Directorates:
  - i. Delay in recognition of complications in mothers;
  - ii. Delay in decision to seek care by the mother and her family;
  - iii. Delay in reaching the Health Facility by the pregnant mothers and family;
  - iv. Delay in receiving adequate health care after reaching the facility.
- b) The District Committee under the Chairmanship of District Collector may perform the audit of the maternal death once the State Audit of Maternal death by the Experts is completed.
- c) The audit findings from the State level audit team may be utilized for District level audit by the District Collector for technical inputs.
- d) Cases for the District level audit can be taken up as and when the State Level Audit is completed.
- e) As indicated in the G.O (Ms). No. 389, Health and family welfare (R2) Department dt 4.9.2018 in Para (5-ii) interaction with the Patient Attenders shall be done on one to one basis in District Collector's Chamber separately to reassure the Patient Attenders with all possible support from District Administration.



- f) The District Collector should ensure that Maternal and Child Death Audit should be done on the basis of 'No Name, No Blame and No Shame' environment, which is grounded in three ethical principles: confidentiality, anonymity and respect.
- g) The Maternal Death Audit is not a process for apportioning blame or shame, but it should identify and lead to lessons from the remediable factors that might save the lives of mothers in future. This type of audit process empowers local authorities to understand and take steps to improve maternal health.

4. I, therefore, to request you to send the action taken report periodically on the above instructions to Government for smooth conducting of Maternal Death Audit by the District Administration.

*With best wishes,*

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
14/3/24.

To

All District Collectors.