



Public Health – Reduction of duty timing of Medical Officers in Primary Health Centres -  
Orders – Issued.

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (L - 2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O. (Ms) No. 339

Dated : 14.10.2009

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Read:

1. G.O.(Ms) No.169, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 20.01.1989.
2. From the State Secretary, Tamil Nadu Government Doctors' Association, Madurai, dated 02.04.2009.
3. G.O.(Ms) No.125, Health and Family Welfare Department, dated 20.04.2009.
4. From the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Letter No.24785 / PHC Inspn / A2 / 2009, dated 09.09.2009.

**ORDER**

The following existing working time was prescribed for Primary Health Centres in the Government Order first read above.

" The daily time schedule for centre based services and activities is as follows :-

- 08:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - OP Duty
  - 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. - Special Clinics / Surgery
  - 02:00 p.m. to 04:00 p.m. - Administrative work
  - 04:00 p.m. to 05:00 p.m. - Evening OP Duty
- After 05:00 p.m. duty at call.

One of the Medical Officers will attend the afternoon OP Duty on alternate days from 04:00 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.

Emergencies should be attended all 24 hours in rotation by Medical Officers of the Primary Health Centres.

The time schedule for field services and activities is also from 08:00a.m. to 05:00 p.m. These should be displayed in the Primary Health Centres in a black board with name, contact place and time to enable other officers to note".

2. Tamil Nadu Government Doctors' Association has put forth the various grievances to the Government and requested to solve the demands. One of the demands is reduction of duty timing of the Medical Officers of the Primary Health Centres. The Government in the Government Order third read above issued orders constituting a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine with 18 members to study the demand of the Tamil Nadu Government Doctors' Association for reducing the duty timing of the Doctors working in the Primary Health Centres and to submit its recommendation to the Government within a period of one month.

3. Accordingly, the Committee has discussed the issue relating to reduction of duty timing of Medical Officers in Primary Health Centres and submitted its report and recommended for reducing the duty timing of the Medical Officers working in Primary Health Centres. The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine has submitted the report of the committee and requested the Government to issue necessary orders in this regard.

4. The Government have examined the recommendation of the Committee and decided to accept the recommendation of the Committee for reduction of duty timing of the Medical Officers working in Primary Health Centres. Accordingly, the Government direct that the following working time of Medical Officers be prescribed in Primary Health Centres as follows :-

**i. Primary Health Centres with 5 Medical Officers**

Method of duty : Shift Basis

- : 08:00a.m. to 02:00p.m. - 2 Medical Officers - In - Charge Medical Officer + Duty Medical Officers
- : 02:00 p.m. to 08:00 p.m. - 1 Medical Officer.
- : 08:00 p.m. to 08:00 a.m. Next day - 1 Medical Officer (Stay Duty)

In-charge Medical Officers are responsible for posting the Medical Officers in rotation, so that, at any point of time one Medical Officer is on-duty.

**ii. The Primary Health Centres with 3 Medical Officers, 2 Medical Officers and Single Medical Officer duty timing.**

09 : 00 a.m. to 04 : 00 p.m. - Two Medical Officers / Single Medical Officer

01:00 p.m. to 01:30 p.m. - Lunch Time



One of the Medical Officers / Single Medical Officer should attend the call duty from 04 : 00 p.m. to 09:00 a.m. of next day on rotation basis in case of any epidemic, food poisoning, adverse events following immunization and mass casualty. The rotation should be on weekly basis. The Medical Officers should stay in the Head Quarters.

5. The working time of Medical Officers should be displayed in the Primary Health Centres in a black board with name, contact place and time to enable other officers to note.

**(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)**

**V.K.SUBBURAJ**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai-6.

The Principal Secretary and Director of Indian Medicine and Homeopathy,  
Chennai - 106.

The Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai - 6.

The Project Director, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society, Chennai - 8.

The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Medical Service Corporation, Chennai - 8.

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai - 6.

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai - 10.

The Director of Drugs Control, Chennai 06.

All District Collectors.

All Deputy Directors of Health Services through the Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai - 6.

All the Members of the Committee through the Director of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Chennai - 6.

The Director, Tamil Nadu State Health Transport Department, Chennai - 32.

The Project Director, Tamil Nadu Blindness Control Society, Chennai - 8.

The State Secretary, Tamil Nadu Government Doctors' Association, No.208,

DAS Quarters, Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai.

Copy to

The Chief Minister's Office, Chennai - 9.

The Senior Personal Assistant to Minister (Health), Chennai - 9.

All Section in Health and Family Welfare Department, Chennai - 9.

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/Forwarded by order/

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