



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
Abstract

Local Self Government Department - Purchase of Allopathic Medicines by Local Governments using Maintenance Fund - Procedure prescribed - Orders issued.

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**LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT (FM) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(MS) No.71/2008/LSGD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12/03/2008

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**O R D E R**

As per the existing instructions, Local Governments are allowed to spend up to 10% of their Maintenance Funds for purchase of medicines for hospitals under their management, over and above those supplied by Government. In the case of Ayurveda, they are allowed to purchase from Public Sector Units like, Oushadhi and Ayurdhara and in the case of Homeopathy, they are allowed to purchase from HOMECOS, a co-operative organization.

As there is no clear procedure for purchase of allopathic medicines, Local Governments are finding it difficult to provide much-needed medicines to the allopathy hospitals under their control.

Government have examined the matter and are pleased to order as follows.

- (i) The medicines to be purchased by Local Governments may be classified into two categories - medicines urgently required for the period up to 31/03/2008 and medicines for which there is a local demand beyond what is supplied by Government.
- (ii) The lists and quantities under these two categories required would be prepared by the Medical Officer of the institution or by the implementing officer in consultation with the Medical Officers of the institutions concerned, where more than one institution is involved.
- (iii) This would be placed before a Committee consisting of the elected head of the Local Government, Chairperson of the Standing committee on Health and the Medical Officer/Implementing Officer and approval obtained.
- (iv) Thereafter for medicines which are urgently required, purchase can be made from the nearest Maveli Store or Neethi Store or Medical Stores run by Hospital Development Committees, KHRWS or similar organizations functioning within Government Hospitals including Medical Colleges. For the second category of medicines, Local Governments may give their indent to the newly created Kerala Medical Services Corporation and deposit the amount in advance by Demand Draft. In both cases, there would be no need for obtaining a non-availability certificate from the District Medical Stores.
- (v) The list of medicines and quantities purchased/indented under both the categories would be furnished to the District Medical Officer for information by the Medical Officer/Implementing Officer concerned. In

addition Local Governments could purchase directly from the KDPL, a Public Sector Undertaking.

- (vi) This procedure could be evaluated after six months and changes made if required.

This order is issued with the concurrence of Health & Family Welfare Department and Finance Department.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

**S.M.Vijayanand**  
**Principal Secretary to Government**

The Director of Panchayats, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Commissioner for Rural Development, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Director of Urban Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram  
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The Managing Director, The Kerala Medical Services Corporation Ltd. TVM-695 037  
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram (with CL)  
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The Secretary (Fin. Expenditure) vide 18825/H &L-A3/08/Fin  
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The PS to Minister for Local Self Government  
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