

GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
(ABSTRACT)

Health – Renaming Village Health & Sanitation Committee (VHSC) as “Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee” (VHSNC) – Notification – Issued.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT (HEALTH)

G.O.Ms.No.44

Puducherry, dated 24.09.2012

READ: (i) G.O.Ms.No.7, dt: 23.02.2007 of Chief Secretary (Health),
Puducherry.

(ii) Lr.No.Z.18015/8/2011-NRHM-II, dated 25.07.2011 of Ministry
of Health and Family Welfare, National Rural Health Mission,
New Delhi.

ORDER:

The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of Official Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, to achieve the objective of the Pondicherry Health Mission and District Health Mission two committees viz. “Patient Welfare Committees (Rogi Kalyan Samithis) at the level of Sub-Centres, Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres and the Village Health and Sanitation Committees for planning and implementation of Health related programmes were constituted vide.G.O.Ms.No.7, dt:23.02.2007 of Chief Secretariat (Health).

2. And now whereas, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi vide its order dt:25.07.2011 cited under reference (ii) has directed to rename the existing “Village Health and Sanitation Committee”(VHSC) as “Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee” (VHSNC) with a view to expand the role of “Village Health & Sanitation Committee” (VHSC) so as to include ‘Nutrition’ within its ambit with the active participation of Anganwadi Workers, ANMS and ASHAs.

3. Accordingly, the Lieutenant-Governor, Puducherry is pleased to re-name the existing “Village Health and Sanitation Committee” (VHSC) functioning under the Pondicherry State Health Mission (PSHM) as “Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee” (VHSNC) with immediate effect.

4. The broadened functions of “Village Health Sanitation and Nutrition Committee” (VHSNC) will include the following activities in addition to the existing functions of “Village Health and Sanitation Committee”(VHSC).

(i). Create awareness about nutritional issues and significance of nutrition as an important determinant of health

(ii). Carry out survey on nutritional status and nutritional deficiencies in the village especially among women and children.

(iii). Identify locally available food stuffs of high nutrient value as well as disseminate and promote best practices (traditional wisdom) congruent with local culture,

- (iv). Inclusion of Nutritional needs in the Village Health Plan. The committee will do an in-depth analysis of causes of malnutrition at the community and household level, by involving the ANM, AWW, ASHA and ICDS Supervisors.
- (v). Monitoring and Supervision of Village Health and Nutrition Day to ensure that it is organized every month in the village with the active participation of the whole village.
- (vi). Facilitate early detection of malnourished children in the community; tie up referral to the nearest Nutritional Rehabilitation Centre (NRC) as well as follow up for sustained outcome.
- (vii). Supervise the functioning of Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in the village and facilitate its working in improving nutritional status of women and children.
- (viii). Act as a grievances redressal forum on health and nutrition issues.
5. The committee will act as a sub committee of Gram Panchayat and function under the overall supervision of Gram Panchayat. If no Gram Panchayat is in existence, the committee will act under the Commune Panchayat / Municipality concerned.
6. The other conditions stipulated in the G.O.Ms.No.07, dt:23.02.2007 of Chief Secretariat (Health) remains unaltered.

// By order of the Lieutenant – Governor //

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