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**ABSTRACT**

National Rural Health Mission - Village Health, Water and Sanitation Committee - Renaming as Village Health, Water, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee - Amendment to G.O(Ms).No.79, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 8.3.2007 and G.O(Ms).No.455, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 19.12.2007- Orders - Issued.

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (EAP II/2) DEPARTMENT**

G.O. (Ms.) No. 10

Dated : 5.1.2012

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Read:

1. G.O(Ms)No.79, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II-2) Department, dated .8.3.07.
2. G.O(Ms)No.455, Health and Family Welfare (EAP.II-2) Department, dated 19.12.2007.

Read also:

3. From the Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai letter No.6793/E/SHS/11, dated 8.9.2011.

**ORDER:**

As per the orders issued in G.O(Ms).No.79, Health and Family Welfare, dated 8.3.2007 and G.O(Ms)No.455, Health and Family Welfare, dated 19.12.2007, Village Health, Water and Sanitation Committee (VHW&SC) has been constituted in all the Village Panchayats and Town Panchayats level respectively. 2540 committees in Town Panchayats and 12619 committees at Village Panchayat level were formed.

2. The Mission Director, State Health Society, in the letter third read above has stated that to expand the role of Village Health, Water and Sanitation Committee, Government of India have decided to include 'Nutrition' within its ambit with the active participation of Anganwadi workers, Auxillary Nurse Mid-wives (ANMs) and Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs). Hence the name of the existing committee may have to be renamed as Village Health, Water, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee (VHWS&NC) based on Government of India directions. In addition to the defined activities of Village Health, Water and Sanitation Committee as per National Rural Health Mission framework of implementation, Village Health, Water, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee will also have to engage with the following activities pertaining to Nutrition:

- Create awareness about nutritional issues and significance of nutrition as an important determinant of health
- Carry out survey on nutritional status and nutritional deficiencies in the village especially among women and children
- Identify locally available food stuffs of high nutrient value as well as disseminate and promote best practices (traditional wisdom) congruent with



local cultures, capabilities and physical environment through a process of community consultation

- 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 levels, by involving the ANM, AWW, ASHA and ICDS Supervisors
- Monitoring and Supervision of Village Health and Nutrition Day to ensure that it is organised every month in the village with the active participation of the whole village
- 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
- Supervise the functioning of Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in the village and facilitate its working in improving nutritional status of women and children
- Act as a grievances redressal forum on health and nutrition issues.

The Mission Director, State Health Society has requested the Government to issue necessary amendments to the above Government orders.

3. The Government have decided to accept the proposals of the Mission Director State Health Society. They accordingly direct that the Village Health, Water and Sanitation Committee constituted as per G.O(Ms).No.79, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 9.3.2007 and G.O(Ms).No.455, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 19.12.2007 be renamed as Village Health, Water Sanitation Nutrition Committee with immediate effect as per the guidelines of Government of India. The Committee shall attend the functions indicated in para 2 above in addition to the functions indicated in the G.Os.

4. Following amendment is issued to G.O(Ms).No.79, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 8.3.2007 and G.O(Ms).No.455 Health and Family Welfare Department dated 19.12.2007.

Amendment

For the expression "Village Health, Water and Sanitation Committee" wherever exists in G.O(Ms).No.79, Health and Family Welfare Department dated on 8.3.2007 and G.O(Ms).No.455, Health and Family Welfare Department dated 19.12.2007, the expression "Village Health Water Sanitation and Nutrition Committee" shall be substituted.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
 ✓ The Mission Director, State Health Society, Chennai-6  
 The Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Chennai -6,  
 The Commissioner of Rural Development & Panchyat Raj,  
 The Director of Town Panchayat, Chennai,  
 All District Directors,  
 All Deputy Director of Health Services

/ FORWARDED BY ORDER /

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