



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Supply of unclaimed dead bodies and cadavers to notified medical teaching institutions - Procedure and Rates fixed - Orders issued.

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### **HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT**

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### ORDER

Now a days the demand for cadavers for teaching purpose are very high as the number of Medical Institutions in private sector have increased to a great extent. The main grievance of the Medical Colleges in Private Sectors is that they are unable to obtain dead bodies for academic purpose. In the circumstances Government have examined the case in detail and order to notify the Superintendents of five Government Medical Colleges and Superintendents of General Hospitals in Ernakulam and Thalasseri and in other 7 Districts where mortuary facility is available as authorized officers under Anatomy Act to collect unclaimed dead bodies and to transport them to the Anatomy Department of Government Medical Colleges for embalming and supply to the Institutions which are notified as teaching institutions under the Anatomy Act subject to the following guide lines.

1. An amount of Rs.40,000 per cadaver should be collected from any private Medical institution which is notified as a teaching institution under Anatomy Act 1957. An amount of Rs.20,000 may be collected from the applicant institutions, if the unclaimed dead body is issued without embalming.
2. Out of the said amount of 40,000 a sum of Rs.10,000 should be allotted towards the maintenance of Mortuary, such as to provide cold storage facilities, to purchase chemicals, instruments etc required for the mortuary and to maintain the mortuary hygienically and for the maintenance of mortuary van and other expenditures related to mortuary includes remuneration of Rs.1000/- for the staff of mortuary.
3. The remaining 30,000 shall be allotted to the Departments of Anatomy for purchase of chemicals required for embalming including Rs.2000 towards remuneration charges for embalming persons and other expenses related to the maintenance of embalming cold storage etc at the direction of the Head of the Department of Anatomy. The up keep of the cooling system of mortuary is the duty of the Head of Department of Anatomy.
4. The amount collected should be deposited in a Nationalized Bank. The Superintendent and Head of the Department of Anatomy shall jointly operate the account.
5. When any unclaimed body arrives at the mortuary it has to be acknowledged by the Superintendent of the hospital and the concerned officer in charge of the mortuary/hospital should arrange to keep the body under cold storage and intimate to the Head of Department of Anatomy for making arrangements for embalming. The embalming of the body should be done within 48 hours of receipt of it.
6. The Superintendent of the Medical College and other concerned hospitals are authorized to distribute the cadavers to notified Medical teaching institutions after accepting the fees as in (1) above and completing other formalities, if any, in the matter. The Superintendents of the above hospitals should send a

monthly report to the Director of Medical Education showing the number of unclaimed dead bodies received, the number of cadavers sold and the remaining stock etc. This will enable the Director of Medical Education to direct the applicant institutions to those hospitals where excess cadavers are kept and can maintain centralized information in the matter.

7. The decomposed body shall be handed over to Anatomy Department for extraction of skeleton which shall be sold for Rs.10,000/- out of which Rs.2,000 shall be paid as honorarium remuneration charges for the persons involved in doing so and the balance amount shall be given to anatomy Department. The Head of Department of Anatomy shall fix the rates for individual bones proportionately, if sold separately.
8. A District level workshop to be organized by the Anatomy Department of the Government Medical Colleges in Kerala to the officials who are engaged in the processing and distribution of cadavers so as to train them the proper upkeep, maintenance and distribution of cadavers.

By Order of the Governor

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The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Health Service, Thiruvananthapuram

The Superintendent of Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram/Alappuzha/  
Thrissur/Kottayam/Kozhikode.

The Principals, All Medical Colleges

The Principals, All Dental College

The Principals, All Nursing Colleges

The Superintendents of General Hospitals Thalassery/Ernakulam

The Superintendent, District Hospital, Kollam/Pathanamthitta/Idukki/Malappuram/  
Palakkad/Wayanad/Kasaragod

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