GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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Health & Family Welfare Department – Medical Education Service – Streame lining the functions of Medical Education Service and Government collegiate hospitals – Vigilance Cells constituted - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (S) DEPARTMENT

GO(MS)No.164/2010/H&FWD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 29.04.2010

Read:- 1. GO(MS) 20/09/H&FWD dated 13.01.2009.
2. GO(MS) 61/09/H&FWD dated 03.03.2009.
6. GO(MS) 5/10/H&FWD dated 07.01.2010.

ORDER

Government have taken several steps to upgrade functioning of Government Medical collegiate hospitals in the State including the implementation of the Residency Programme in Government Medical/Dental Colleges and the ban of private practice of doctors in Government Medical/Dental Colleges. But there are several complaints regarding irregular activities and malpractices in the offices under the Department of Medical Education and the Medical collegiate hospitals and its auxiliary institutions. As per the Government Order read as 3rd paper above Government have banned the private practice of doctors in Government Medical/Dental Colleges. But there are complaints that a few doctors are continuing with private practice which is highly irregular. Hence a concrete mechanism is necessary to check all irregular activities including private practice of doctors.

Government have decided to streamline the functions of the offices and hospitals under the department of Medical Education. There is a Vigilance Cell under Director of Health Services to check irregular activities in the offices and Government Hospitals in Health Services. But there is no such mechanism under the control of Director of Medical Education.

In the circumstances Government have decided to constitute Vigilance Cells in the Government Medical/Dental Colleges and the Directorate of Medical Education as follows –
a) **College Level Vigilance Committee (Medical and Dental Colleges separately)**

(i) Vice Principal,

(ii) One senior faculty to be nominated by the Principal and

(iii) The Administrative Officer/Administrative Assistant/Senior Superintendent of the college will be members. Vice Principal will function as the Head of the Vigilance Cell.

b) **Directorate of Medical Education Level**

(i) Joint Director of Medical Education (Medical),

(ii) Joint Director of Medical Education (General) and

(iii) The Administrative Officer will be members. Joint Director of Medical Education (Medical) will be the Head of the Vigilance Cell in the Directorate.

The Ministerial staff and other facilities including vehicle for the team will be provided by the Principals concerned /Director of Medical Education. The College level Vigilance Cells will have jurisdiction over the staff in the respective colleges and the Directorate Vigilance Cell will have jurisdiction all over the State.

The Vigilance Cell will conduct surprise check/inspection in all offices and hospitals under the control of Director of Medical Education and recommend further action as per rules. The Vigilance Cells will also have power to verify/check the complaints regarding the private practice of doctors in their residences/private premises and report the same to the Director of Medical Education/Principal concerned for further action. The Head of the Vigilance Cells shall submit monthly report of their activities to the Director of Medical Education with copy to the Government.

By Order of the Governor

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To
The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Principal, All Government Medical/Dental Colleges  
The Superintendent, All Government Collegiate Hospitals.  

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