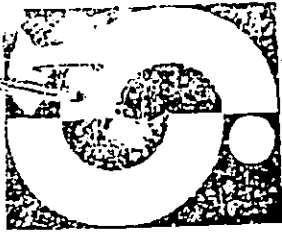


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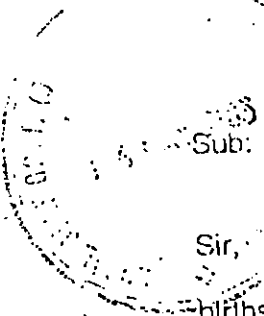
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दिनांक _____
dated the April 16, 2003

To

The Secretary,
Local Administration Department,
Government of Kerala,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

Sub: Assistance [redacted] for improving the
data on causes of death.



Sir,

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The Registration of Births & Deaths Act has made reporting and registration of births and deaths compulsory through out the country. One of the main objectives of this Act is to collect information about births and deaths including causes of death. The Section 10(2) and 10(3) of the Act specifically provide a mechanism for compulsory medical certification of cause of death by the medical practitioner who attended the deceased during his last illness. This provision has to be implemented at such places notified by the state government after having considered the facility available therein. Most of the states are already implementing these provisions either through a formal notification or through an executive order.

One of the important aspects on data on causes of death that need to be attended to is the proper classification of cause of death for tabulation of data. Also the medical practitioners need to be made aware of the significance of giving sufficient details necessary for such classification. It has been noticed that in most of the states there is no specialized medical statistician or Nosologist who can attend to such a technical work. In view of this it is proposed to assist the state in creation of a post of Nosologist in the pay scale of Rs.8000-13500 to be attached with the office of the Chief Registrar. The Central Assistance to this post would be reimbursement of 100% of pay and allowance during the first 5 years and 50% of pay and allowance for the next 5 years. After the 10 years the state government would have to fully provide for these posts from its budget. Other conditions with regard to this assistance is enclosed.

It is requested that the state government may take steps to make use of this assistance to create the post of Nosologist which would help the office of the CR to bring out better quality data on causes of death which are very vital for health planning. It is requested that the acceptance of the state government on this proposal and action being taken in this regard may be communicated to this office at the earliest, in any case not later than 30th of June 2003 so that adequate budget provisions can be made available in the budget for 2004-05.

Yours faithfully,

(J.K. Banthia)
Registrar General, India.

Conditions regarding Central Assistance for creation of the post of Nosologist

1. The post is to be created in the Central pay scale of Rs.8000-13500 or its equivalent pay scale in the state government.
2. Only salary and other related allowances are reimbursable. This scheme is applicable only to the posts to be created for the purpose of improving data on causes of death. No reimbursement is admissible in respect of existing posts.
3. The reimbursement would be done on the basis of an expenditure statement duly audited by the Accountant General's office. This statement is to be submitted for reimbursement after the close of the financial year.
4. The state government has to give an undertaking to continue with the post beyond the period of 10 years from its own budget.
5. The recruitment rules for the post should specify that only persons with specialized knowledge of medical statistics including classification of diseases and their coding are eligible for the post. It may further be provided that only service with 10 years or more for superannuation would be eligible for application.
6. The post should be attached to the office of the Chief Registrar or the office of the Additional/Deputy Chief Registrar who looks after the work of medical certification of causes of death and compilation of the data on Causes of Death.