



Government of Karnataka
Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services

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HFWS/BMW/COVID19BMW/31/19-20

Date: 27.07.2020

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub: Regarding issues related to fixing cost for Collection, transportation treatment & disposal of Biomedical Waste.

Ref: Our Office Circular No: HFWS/BMW/COVID19BMW/31/19-20 issued on 09. 07. 2020.

With reference to the above subject, a circular was issued on 09.07.2020 for conducting an Emergency District Level Monitoring Meeting to fix rates for Collection, transportation, treatment & disposal of COVID-19 Biomedical Waste to address the problem related to the differences in rates quoted by the Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities for scientific disposal of COVID-19 Biomedical Waste.

In this connection, it is further elucidated that as per Biomedical Waste Management Rule No. 12- Sub Rule (4) The District Level Monitoring Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of District Collector or District Magistrate or Deputy Commissioner shall monitor and address all the issues related to management & disposal of BMW of the concerned District.

Considering the burden on the CBMWTF's in treating BMW as per Revision: 3: Guidelines for Handling, Treatment and Disposal of Waste Generated during Treatment/Diagnosis/ Quarantine of COVID-19 Patients dated 10th June-2020 which also included Solid Waste/ Food Waste in BMW Yellow Bags, it was directed to conduct an emergency meeting to fix rates for Collection, transportation, treatment & disposal of COVID-19 Biomedical Waste. But as per the recent Revision-4 of CPCB Guidelines issued on 21st July 2020 it is clear that General Solid Waste is to be handled by ULB's as per SWM Rules 2016 & not by CBMWTF's.

Hence, it is evident that hiked cost for scientific disposal of BMW is defective and it can be treated as per the rates fixed for management of Biomedical Waste. Action will be initiated under the provisions of Disaster Management Act, 2005 & Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 against the CBMWTF's denying to collect Biomedical Waste as per the existing MoU's with the HCF's.

This is for information and further necessary action.

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Director,

Department of H&FWS,
Karnataka.

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Copy to:

1. The Principal Secretary to Government- Forest, Ecology & Environment Department, GoK for kind information.
2. The Commissioner, Department of H&FWS, GoK for kind information.
3. The Chairman, KSPCB, GoK for kind information.
4. District Health Officers for necessary action.
5. District Family Welfare Officers for necessary action.



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CIRCULAR

Sub: Regarding Conducting Emergency District Level Monitoring Meeting to fix rates for collection, transportation, treatment & disposal of COVID-19 BMW.

Safe Handling of COVID-19 Biomedical Waste Management is an essential component in prevention of the spread of COVID-19 Pandemic. During the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary-Forest, Ecology & Environment Department on 29.06.2020, It was observed that there is no consensus in the rates for Collection, Transportation, Treatment and Disposal of COVID-19 Biomedical Waste in the State.

In light of the above and as recommended during the 11th Meeting of the Biomedical Waste Management Team Constituted by the Government of Karnataka Vide Order No: 30.2.158 ಟಿ.ಎನ್.ಆರ್.2020, dated 03.04.2020, it is hereby instructed to convene an emergency District Level Monitoring Meeting under the Chairmanship of respective District Commissioner's to fix rates for Collection, Transportation, Treatment and Disposal of COVID-19.

The District Health Officers is hereby insisted to take a convenient date from the DC's and conduct the meeting. The copy of the meeting notice and proceedings of the meeting should be submitted to deputydirectormedical2@gmail.com.

This is for immediate action and compliance.


Director

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Copy To:

1. The Member Secretary- Karnataka State Pollution Control Board for kind information.
2. All the DHO's for necessary action.
3. All the FWO's for further follow-up.
4. The President of the CBMWTF Association of Karnataka for information.