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Sub:- Failure to report or transfer the idling equipments – Fixing of liability against the Head of the institution – Reg.

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Many costly equipments are idling for want of infrastructure and manpower in various institution in the state, likewise, equipments supplied through various programme are also remain unutilized for years.

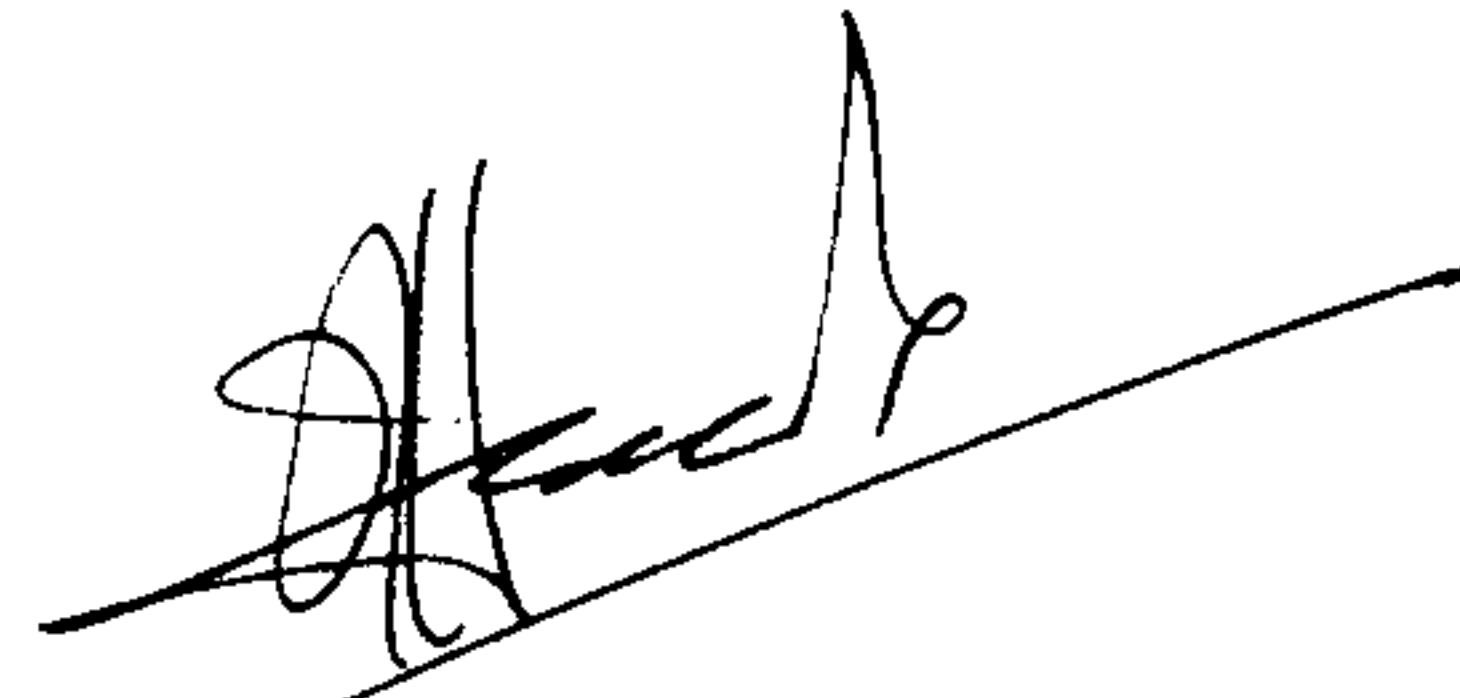
Principal Accountant General in the eleven test checked hospitals also reported that 88 Nos. of equipments, which includes costly equipments like C-Arm Mobile Image Intensifier, Ophthalmic operating Microscope, equipments for Trauma Care Unit etc., though functional, remain unutilized, from one to seven years. This report is only an indicator; number of idling equipment in the state will be very much more, amounting to more than 10 Crore. Finance Inspection Wing in their various reports also pointed out the idling position in various hospitals.

Department had given clear cut directions to the Head of the institution to **report the status of idling equipment along with the Annual indent of equipments**, so that, based on the requirement of other institution, needy institution can be easily identified by the District Medical Officer and the same can be transferred to such institutions.

If the idling equipments are not reported with the Annual indent, it is very difficult to identify an alternative institution. It is sorry to note that, Head of the institution are least bothered to comply these directions. It may also be noted that, Department cannot be able to purchase, even Ten percent of the requirement in every year, at the same time, equipments remain unutilized in various institution.

Many sophisticated equipments, if unutilized for years, will not be in operational condition and becomes irreparable. Apart from all these, Department faces very difficulty in giving proper and timely reply to various legislative committees like Public Accounts Committee, Estimate Committee etc. and the responsible Officers would have been retired from service by that time.

Considering all these factors, cost of the equipment is fixed as liability against the Head of the institution, who fails to report the status of idling equipment in time (along with the Annual indent) or fails to transfer the same to the needy institution, even after getting the orders from the competent authorities or fails to provide infrastructure for the equipment, resulting its idling and no alternative Institution can be identified to transfer, even after reporting the status of idling.



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4. The Principal Secretary, Finance Department with C/L.
5. CA to Director, NRHM with C/L
6. CA to Addl. Director of Health Services, Mdl./FW/PH/Plg./Vig.
7. CA to Senior Administrative Officer/Senior Finance Officer/Law Officer
8. All District Medical Officers
9. All Head of the Institutions
10. Asst. Director (Pharmacy Services), Stores Officer (GMS), State Store Verification Officer, Directorate of Health Services
11. District Store Verification Officer, Senior Superintendent (Internal Audit), District Medical Office(H).
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