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Abstract

Health and Family Welfare Department - Reduction of Maternal Mortality Ratio to 30 by 2020 and 20 by 2030 - declaration of the Goal of the State of Kerala - Orders issued.

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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (FW) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt) No.197/2019/H&FWD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram,25/01/2019

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Read:- Letter No. NHM/CA/6097/2018/SPMSU dated 03.12.2018 from the State Mission Director, National Health Mission, Thiruvananthapuram

ORDER

As per the letter read above, the State Mission Director, National Health Mission has submitted a proposal as a Goal to reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio as follows:-

(i) Kerala has the lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) among the Indian States. However the Maternal Mortality is not in par with the other developed and many developing countries. Maternal Mortality Ratio is most commonly used universally as a health indicator to make international comparisons of women deaths in reproductive period during pregnancy and delivery. During the past few years many measures were implemented in the State of Kerala to reduce the MMR. As a result the state is able to reduce the Maternal Mortality Ratio from 110 in 2001-02 to 46 in 2014-16.

(ii) Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Kerala took steps to reduce Maternal mortality in Kerala. A programme has been started by Health Services Department, National Health Mission and Medical Education Department with the technical support from Kerala Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (KFOG).

(iii) The initiatives taken up includes improvement in maternity care and delivery services, the confidential audit of Maternal Death as per the international standards to improve the standards of care by identifying correctable missing links in the health system or professional practice, implementation of Quality Standards drafted based on the observed evidences for improving the care pregnant women receive in institutions across public and private, Medical equipment supplied through Kerala Medical Services Corporation Limited by the National Health Mission and use of disposable delivery kits and disposable Caesarean kits to prevent hospital acquired infections and also to measure the blood loses during the delivery, etc.

(iv) Capacity building and improvement among different category of staff is another area which the State has focused all these years and the trainings conducted for the Gynecologists, nurses working in the labour room, nursing assistants and other staff working in the labour room with the support from Kerala Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology has helped to achieve this status.

(v) To reduce MMR further, a concerted effort involving the Government and private centres is essential. In the public sector different initiatives are taken by the Government of Kerala which includes Aardram initiative, Aardram Mathruthwam and Amoolya Baalyam. The Health Department also implementing LaQshya standards for improving continuum of care with focus on Neonatal and Maternal Mortality reduction.

(vi) However the state is committed to reduce Maternal Mortality Ratio further to safe guard each pregnant women. After a series of discussions with public health & Social sector experts, officials of Health Services Department, Medical Education Department, National Health Mission and Kerala Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, a consensus has been reached on the Goal of MMR in line with SDG that the achievable Goal of Maternal Mortality Ratio with great effort with the available resources may be 30 by 2020 and 20 or less by 2030.


2. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to approve the above Goal for achieving Maternal Mortality Ratio to be 30 by 2020 and 20 or less by 2030 in Kerala.

(By Order of the Governor),
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ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

To

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✓ The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram
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