



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Bringing all Zonal/Regional Offices under the administrative, functional and financial control of the Executive Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation - Sanctioned - Orders issued

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.128/2025/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 28-04-2025

Read:- 1. G.O (Rt)No.134/2015/H&FWD dated 14.01.2015
2. G.O(Rt)No.2080/2018/H&FWD dated 30.06.2018
3. Letter No. 75/D/2023/K-SOTTO dated 11.10.2023 from the Director of Medical Education & Appropriate Authority.
4. Letter No. 75/D/2023/K-SOTTO dated 01.11.2024 and 10.03.2025 from the Executive Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation.

ORDER

Subsequent to the establishment of Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (K-SOTTO), the Central Sector Program, National Organ Transplant Program (NOTP) and the State Project DDMOTP (Deceased Donor Multi Organ Transplant Programme) are brought under the umbrella of K-SOTTO. The erstwhile projects namely DDMOTP and KNOS (virtual) were merged into the newly established K-SOTTO. As part of implementation of erstwhile DDMOTP, Kerala was divided into three Zones viz; North Zone with Headquarter at Government Medical College, Kozhikode, Central Zone with Headquarter at Government Medical College, Kottayam and South Zone with Headquarter at Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. Besides the above Zones, a regional office is also functioning at Government Medical College, Ernakulam.

2. As per the Government Order read as 1st paper above, Government have defined the zonal jurisdiction as follows to ease organ allocation and minimize the ischemia time of the organs:-

- i. North Zone - Palakkad, Wayanad, Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur, Kasaragod
- ii. Central Zone - Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulum, Thrissur
- iii. South Zone - Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha.

3. Currently each zone/Region office is facilitated by a Nodal Officer and Assistant Nodal Officer (senior faculties from the Medical College concerned by nomination) and two Transplant Coordinators (by contractual employment). The budgetary provisions earmarked for the DDMOTP projects are divided among the three Zones and utilized by the Principals of the Medical College concerned. Also the Principal of the Medical Colleges/Zonal Nodal Officers are exercising the control over the Transplant Coordinators and utilization of the funds.

4. The Director of Medical Education & Appropriate Authority, as per the letter read as 3rd paper above, has reported that bringing Zonal/Regional offices under the centralized control of the Executive Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation will ensure uniformity in policies, procedures and decision-making processes. This will help to eliminate disparities among various zones, ensuring that our organization functions as a cohesive unit. Since the Executive Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation is responsible for the implementation of deceased donor program in Kerala, his control over its sub units is an inevitable requirement for maintaining uniformity in command and execution of programs since he is liable to answer to audit agencies, Central and State Government evaluations etc. regarding the conduct of business in the entire system. Moreover the spirit behind the establishment of Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation itself is the unification of all activities related to human organ transplant under a single entity. Hence Director of Medical Education & Appropriate Authority has requested to bring all Zonal/Regional offices under the administrative, functional and financial control of the Executive Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation.

5. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to issue orders bringing all DDMOTP Zonal/Regional offices under the administrative, functional and financial control of the Executive

Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation, incorporating the following aspects, for the effective control and optimum utilization of the manpower and resources:-

- i. The Zonal Offices of the Project DDMOTP shall be renamed as K-SOTTO Zonal Offices.
- ii. The power to make appointments to the sanctioned posts of Transplant Coordinators in all K-SOTTO Zonal Offices shall be vested with the Executive Director, K-SOTTO.
- iii. The Executive Committee of K-SOTTO shall be declared as the Disciplinary Authority of all contract staff attached to the K-SOTTO Zonal Offices.
- iv. The Executive Director, K-SOTTO shall be empowered to take appropriate decision on determining the place of posting, reviewing the monthly performance report, extension of period of contract, accepting the annual confidential report etc. in respect of all contract staff attached to the K-SOTTO Zonal Offices.
- v. The Transplant Co-ordinators of all K-SOTTO Zonal Offices shall submit a Monthly Performance Assessment Report in the proforma duly countersigned by the Nodal Officer to the Executive Director, K-SOTTO
- vi. The Executive Director shall be empowered to assign duties to the Transplant Co-ordinators beyond their zonal jurisdiction as and when there arises an emergency or warranting situations.

6. The Executive Director, Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation shall submit proposal for lifting the DDO status to operate the DDMOTP head of account “2210-01-110-65-34” from the Principals to the Executive Director, K-SOTTO.

(By order of the Governor)
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