



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health and Family Welfare Department - Establishment - Drugs Control Administration - Formation of Ayurveda Drugs Control Wing - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (F) DEPARTMENT

GO(P) No.497/2008/H&FWD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9.9.08.

Read:- Letter no. AC2-1197/08/DC dated 5.7.08 from the ASU Drugs Controller, (ISM) Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

There is a well established system for Ayurvedic treatment in the State developed over hundreds of year. The manufacture of Ayurveda drugs has also increased over the years with modern production techniques being employed. However the enforcement mechanism for checking and quality control of Ayurveda Sidha and Unani drugs is very weak in the State. In order to strengthen the enforcement mechanism, Government have decided to formulate a separate Drugs Control Wing for Ayurveda, Sidha and Unani system in the State.

2. Government have examined the proposal submitted by the Drugs Controller and the ASU Drugs Controller in the matter and accord sanction on the lines detailed below.

(i) There shall be a separate Ayurveda Sidha and Unani Drugs Control Wing in the Drugs Control Department. The functions to be handled by ASU Drugs Control Wing shall include, but not limited to the following in the case of Ayurveda, Sidha and Unani Drugs :

- (a) To ensure the implementation of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940;
- (b) To ensure implementation of Schedule T-GMP in Ayurveda, Sidha and Unani drugs manufacturing units;
- (c) To train/re-orient the inspectors for carrying out proper inspection, record keeping, collection of survey/statutory samples etc.
- (d) To collect survey/statutory samples from the manufacturing units;
- (e) To implement Drugs and Magic Remedies (O.A) Act.
- (f) To document and computerize the record of licenses issued;
- (g) Any other issue relating to the Ayurveda Sidha and Unani drugs.
- (h) To take legal actions including prosecution as per the provision of Drugs and cosmetics Act and Rules.

(ii) Staff pattern

The following posts in the Drugs Control Department are allotted exclusively to the newly created Ayurveda, Sidha & Unani Drugs Control wing.

A. Head Quarters

1.	Deputy Drugs Controller (Ayurveda)/Drugs Controller (ASU)	1
2.	Senior Drugs Inspector	1
3.	Senior Superintendent	1
4.	Junior Superintendent	1
5.	LDC/UDC	6
6.	LD Typist	2
	One post each of Peon and Driver will be common till separate posts are created.	
	Total	12

B. Regional Offices in Kollam, Ernakulam and Kozhikode.

1.	Drugs Inspector (Ayurveda)	1 each
2.	LDC/UDC	2 each
3.	Peon	1 each
Total for 3 offices		12

C. Analysis wing

Existing arrangement to be continued.

- (iii) The ministerial staff against the posts as in A (3-6) & B(2-3) above, will be deployed to ASU Drugs Control Wing by inviting options from the existing employees in the Drugs Control Department and posted on the basis of seniority. In case sufficient applications are not received the junior most in each category will be posted to the ASU Drugs Control Wing.
- (iv) However, common seniority will be maintained between the staff in the same categories in the Drugs Control Department and the newly formed ASU-Drugs Control wing and promotions and all other service benefits will continue according to the common seniority.
- (v) All the establishment and disciplinary matters (including minor punishments) related to the above staff will be handled the Deputy Drugs Controller (Ayurveda)/Drugs Controller (ASU) except matters related to appointment, promotion etc.
- (vi) The appointing Authority will continue to be Drugs Controller as existing now.

3. The Head office of the Ayurveda Sidha & Unani Drugs Control wing will be located in the Ground floor and 2nd floor of the Drugs Testing Laboratory building, Thiruvananthapuram. The 3 Regional Offices of Drugs Controller (ASU) will be located in the existing Drugs Inspectors offices of the Drugs Control Department in the three places and the present office of the Drugs Inspector (Allopathy) is merged with office of the Assistant Drugs Controller in these districts. Any additional financial commitment will not be entertained in the matter to the State Government.

4. The Analysis wing will continue as per the existing pattern. The possibility of exploring the use of facilities in the Drugs Standardization Unit and the Drugs Testing Laboratory under the Director of Ayurveda Medical Education will be examined and utilized/integrated for strengthening the Analysis section for Ayurveda drugs.

5. The incumbent in the post of Deputy Drugs Controller (Ay) will be allowed to hold the notional designation of Drugs Controller (ASU). The Ayurveda, Sidha & Unani drugs control wing as above in the Drugs Control Department will function as an autonomous unit. The Deputy Drugs Controller (Ay)/Drugs Controller (ASU) shall be the Administrative head of ASU Drugs Control wing and will report directly to the Secretary(H) for all administrative matters. The financial and other delegation of powers for the post will be issued separately.

6. The delegation of powers to the Drugs Controller (ASU), opening of a new head of account etc will be examined later. Till such time orders regarding delegation of powers are issued, the Drugs Controller will be continued to discharge the functions of Head of Department including ASU Drugs Control Wing; but shall take all decisions regarding ASU Drugs Control wing only after consulting the Drugs Controller(ASU).

7. The above orders will be come into force with immediate effect.

(By order of the Governor)
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To

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The ASU Drugs Controller, Thiruvananthapuram
The Director of Ayurvedic Medical Education, TVPM.
The Accountant General (A&E)/Audit, Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
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