GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Home Department-Prisons-newly admitted prisoners to be brought to prisons after testing for COVID by Police, Excise, Forest departments - Guidelines Issued.

ORDER

Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services as per letter read as 2 above reported that an average of 70-150 prisoners are being remanded every day and for safeguarding the staff and prisoners from COVID-19, it has been further requested to issue directions to Police, Excise and Forest authorities to the effect that every prisoner to be remanded should be accompanied with a medical certificate stating that COVID Test is not recommended to that prisoner as he is asymptomatic.

Government examined the matter in detail. Based on the request of the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services in letter read as 2nd above and Advisory Measures issued by the Health & Family Welfare Department vide Note read as 3rd paper above, the following guidelines are issued for strict compliance:

1. Any person to be produced before Magistrate for remand by the Police/Excise/Forest authorities shall first be Screened / Tested by Medical
Officers for Covid 19 along with the mandatory medical examination in a designated hospital.

2. Medical Officers (Health) shall conduct thorough examination of those persons proposed to be remanded to prison and shall record that the person is asymptomatic or symptomatic to Covid 19.

3. The Advisory for Covid 19 issued by the Health and Family Welfare Department for testing and screening of prisoners, read as 2nd paper above shall scrupulously followed by the concerned officials.

4. Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services shall take adequate steps to quarantine asymptomatic and symptomatic newly admitted prisoners/persons to be remanded for 14 days. SICA Training centres, High Security Prison, Viyyur and those prisons where there are sufficient facilities can be utilized for quarantine purposes.

(By order of the Governor)

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The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
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Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram
The Commissioner, Excise Department
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of Forest Force)
All District Medical Officers (Health)
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