

Government of Tamil Nadu**Abstract**

Post-mortem examination in respect of deaths in Police custody and in Jails – video filming of Postmortem examination – Orders – issued

Health and Family welfare Department

G.O.Ms. No.584

Dated:6.12.1996
Masi 20, Easwara,
Tiruvalluvar Andu, 2028.

Read:

- 1) From the Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi Ref. No.216/CH/NHRC-95, dt.10.8.95.
- 2) From the Director of Medical Education, Chennai, Lr. No.81048/G2/95, dated 26.10.95 and 15.3.96.
- 3) From the Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai,Lr. No.84277/P&D.II/4/95, dt.5.11.95.
- 4) From the Director General of Police, Chennai, letter R.C. No.249025/Conf (z)/95, dt.28.11.95.
- 5) From the Director of Forensic Science, Chennai, Lr. No.A2/17504/95, dt.22.11.95 and 7.12.95.

ORDER:-

The Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission, Delhi has stated that incidents of deaths in police lock up and in Jails are increasing, that a systematic attempt is being made to suppress the truth and post-mortem report thereon is merely the police version of the incident. The Commission is, therefore, requested that Video filming of postmortem may be introduced with effect from 1-10-1995 though it will involve extra cost, since human life is more valuable than the cost involved.

2. The Director General of Police, Director of Medical Education, Director of Medical and Rural Health Services and Director of Forensic Science were consulted in the matter. After careful examination, the Government direct that all post-mortem examinations done in respect of deaths in police custody and in Jails shall be video-filmed and the video cassette be sent to the National Human Rights Commission along with the Post-mortem report. The video equipments that have been supplied to every police District shall be utilized for the above purpose and the scientific Assistant incharge Mobile Forensic Science Laboratory at the District level shall be summoned and to assist in recognizing and recording above materials and observations available in the scene of crime.

3. This order issues with the concurrence of Home Department/Public Department- vide their U.O. Nos. 12256/Pr.V/96-1, dt.25.11.96 and No.12724/L&O-A/96-1.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

R. POORNALINGAM
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Director of Medical and Rural Health Services, Chennai-6.

The Director of Medical Education, Chennai-5.

The Director General of Police, Chennai-2.

The Director of Forensic Science, Chennai-2.

The Inspector General of Prisons, Chennai-2.

The Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission,
Sardar Patel Bhavan, New Delhi-1.

Copy to:

All District Collectors.

The Home Department, Chennai-9.

The Public (L&O) Department, Chennai-9.

Chief Minister's Office, Chennai-9.

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Section Officer