

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

AP State AIDS Control Society - Sanction of pension @ of Rs. 200/- P.M. to the HIV/ AIDS Patients on ART (Anti Retroviral Therapy) Drugs who are having white ration cards – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (L.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 87

Dated: 02.04.2009

Read the following:-

1. From the PD, APSACS, Lr.No.1744/AIDS/APD/2008, dt. 26.6.08.
2. From the PD, APSACS, Lr.No.1744/AIDS/APD/2008, dt. 08.12.2008.

ORDER:

In India, HIV prevalence rate as per revised surveillance data of National AIDS Control Organisation, (NACO) Govt. of India, is 0.36%. Andhra Pradesh is considered as one of the six states with high HIV prevalence. As on 2006, 2.4 million HIV positive cases are reported out of which around 5.4 lakh cases are from Andhra Pradesh. Government have taken up a number of initiatives in the state for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in the state through the Andhra Pradesh State AIDS Control Society (APSACS). These programmes are taken up as per the guidelines of the National AIDS Control Programme.

2. The State Government have felt that there is an imperative need in the State to provide financial protection to families living below poverty line who are AIDS patients and receiving Anti Retroviral Therapy (ART) medicines at the designated ART centers, as majority (80%) of the patients who are receiving ART medicines are from the BPL families. The Government provides ART medicines free of cost. However, these AIDS patients who are on ART are unable to make a living in view of social stigma and discrimination against AIDS patients and also those from low income levels are not in a position to visit the ART centers regularly to take the ART medicines. ART medicines if not taken regularly leads to further health complications. It is felt that providing monthly pension to the AIDS patients would help AIDS patients to access the ART medicines and also support their livelihoods and better nutrition so that their life span could be extended.

3. Government after careful examination have decided to introduce a scheme of pension to AIDS patients in all the districts of Andhra Pradesh. The pension scheme is intended to benefit AIDS patients who are receiving ART medicines in the Government ART centres and who are from below poverty line (BPL) families @ Rs.200/- per month without any restrictions on the number of persons to receive pension in a family.

4. The expenditure sanctioned above shall be debited to the head of account MH 2235 - Social Security and Welfare -60, other Social Security and Welfare Programmes, - MH102. Pensions under Social Security Schemes, GH.11 Normal State Plan, SH(09) Pension to AIDS Patients 310.Grants in Aid/ 312. Other Grants in Aid (to be opened).

5. This scheme shall be administered by Rural Development Department and shall be effected from 1.4.2009. Rural Development Department is requested to follow the modalities appended to this order, for evaluation of eligible AIDS Patients.

P.T.O.

6. The Rural Development Department shall send proposals to Finance Department for providing necessary amount in BE 2009-10 (final) on made.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.2080-B/22/Expr. PR&RD/09. dt.13-2-2009.

8. This order also issues with the concurrence of General Administration (Elections) Department.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**J.SATYANARAYANA,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Project Director, A.P. State AIDS Control Society, Hyderabad.

The Rural Development Department.

All the District Collectors.

Copy to:-

The PS to Chief Minister.

The PS M (MH & FW)

The PS to Pri.Secy Health,

The GA (Cabinet) Department w.r.t CR U.O.No.11/2009, dated 09.01.2009.

The Finance Department.

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER