

Government of Odisha
General Administration & Public Grievance Department

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From

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Additional Secretary to Government.**

To,

All Collectors.

Sub: Revised Scheme (Mahaprayan) to facilitate transportation of dead bodies.

Ref:- This Department letter No. 21777 dated 17.10.2016.

Madam / Sir,

In inviting a reference to the letter on the subject cited above I am sending herewith the approved revised guidelines of Mahaprayan for information and necessary follow up action.

Yours faithfully,

G. Patra
18.5.2021

Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No. 13703 / CMRF, Dated: 18.05.2021

Copy along with copy of revised guidelines forwarded to the Private Secretary to Chief Secretary for kind information of the Chief Secretary / Private Secretary to the Additional Chief Secretary to Govt, Health & F.W Department for kind information of the ACS / Private Secretary to D.C-cum-ACS for information of D.C-cum-ACS / Principal Secretary to Govt. Finance Department / Principal Secretary to Govt. H & U.D Department / Principal Secretary to Govt. Panchayati Raj & DW Department / All RDCs/ Additional Secretary to Chief Minister for kind information.

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MAHAPRAYAN

A Scheme to facilitate transportation of Dead Bodies

A. Objective of the Scheme:

Objective of the scheme 'Mahaprayan' is to provide specifically designed Dead Body Carrier (DBC) services at Government Hospitals on "free of cost basis" to make it convenient for the family members of the deceased to carry the dead body of their near and dear ones back home (within the district of death) or to the cremation/ burial ground (within the district of death) for the last rites due to deaths occurring in public health facilities.

B. Operational Guidelines:

1. The scheme is to be implemented through the District Red Cross Society under the overall supervision of the Collector.
2. A District Mahaprayan Committee shall be constituted at each district comprising of the following members:
 - a. Collector & District Magistrate - Chairperson
 - b. CDM & PHO - Member
 - c. Superintendent / Director (in case of Medical College & Hospitals / RGH, Rourkela / Capital Hospital, Bhubaneswar) - Member
 - d. RTO - Member
 - e. DSWO – Member
 - f. DLO - Member
 - g. ADMO (Medical) - Member
 - h. Deputy Collector (Red Cross) - Member Convenor
3. The DBC shall be provisioned to provide services for deaths occurring in all public health institutions of the State. The DBC may be deployed to serve a particular facility or a cluster of facilities as decided by the District Mahaprayan Committee.
4. a) The DBC will transport the dead body from a public health institution to either the residence of the deceased within the district of death or to any cremation / burial ground within the district of death as per the request of the family members of the deceased.

