പതിനാറാം കേരള നിയമസഭ

ഒന്നാം സമ്മേളനം

നക്ഷത്രചിഹ്നമിടാത്ത ചോദ്യം നമ്പർ: 1578 **01-07-2026-ൽ മറുപടിയ്ക്ക്**

ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റം

ചോദ്യം ഉന്നയിച്ച അംഗങ്ങൾ **മറുപടി നൽകിയ മന്ത്രി**

ശ്രീ. പി. മമ്മിക്കുട്ടി ശ്രീ. കെ. മുരളീധരൻ
(ആരോഗ്യ - ദേവസ്വം വകുപ്പ് മന്ത്രി)

(എ) ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ ഡോ. റീനയെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റി ഉത്തരവ് പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; സ്ഥലംമാറ്റാൻ ഇടയായ സാഹചര്യം വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ;

മറുപടി: 12-06-2026 ലെ സ.ഉ(സാധാ) നം. 2000/2026/H&FWD പ്രകാരം ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ ഡോ റീനയെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റി ഉത്തരവ് പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിരുന്നു.

ഡോ. റീന കെ.ജെ. ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിൽ മൂന്ന് വർഷത്തെ സേവന കാലാവധി പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയിരുന്നു. ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പിൽ പുതിയ ഡയറക്ടറെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് പ്രക്രിയ നിലവിൽ സർക്കാർ തലത്തിൽ പരിഗണനയിലാണ്. സംസ്ഥാനത്തെ നിലവിലുള്ള പൊതുജനാരോഗ്യ സ്ഥിതി, പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് ഷിഗെല്ല, നിപ പകർച്ചവ്യാധികളുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട നിരീക്ഷണ, പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ, സർക്കാരിന്റെയും ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പിന്റെയും ഭരണപരമായ ആവശ്യകതകൾ എന്നിവ കണക്കിലെടുത്താണ് ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ യ്ക്ക് സ്ഥലംമാറ്റം നൽകിയിരുന്നത്.

(ബി) ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ നിയമന രീതി എപ്രകാരമാണെന്ന് അറിയിക്കാമോ; ഡോ.റീനയുടെ കാലാവധി നീട്ടി നൽകാൻ മുൻ സർക്കാർ തീരുമാനിച്ചിരുന്നോ; കാലാവധി അവസാനിപ്പിക്കാൻ ഏത് തലത്തിലാണ് ഉത്തരവ് നൽകിയത്;

മറുപടി:

17-02-2010 ലെ സ. ഉ (പി) നം.69/2010/H&FWD പ്രകാരമുള്ള ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പിലെ സ്പെഷ്യൽ റൂൾസ് പ്രകാരം ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പിലെ അഡീഷണൽ ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിലുള്ള മെഡിക്കൽ ഓഫീസർമാരിൽ നിന്ന് നേരിട്ടാണ് ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറകടർ തസ്തികയിലേക്ക് നിയമനത്തിന് യോഗ്യതയുള്ള മെഡിക്കൽ ഓഫീസറെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നത്.

23-02-2023 ലെ സ.ഉ (കൈ) നം. 53/2023/H&FWD പ്രകാരം ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ -യെ രണ്ട് വർഷ കാലാവധിയിലാണ് ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറായി നിയമിച്ചിരുന്നത്. ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ യുടെ ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിലെ നിയമന കാലാവധി 22-02-2025 ൽ അവസാനിച്ചതിനെ തുടർന്ന് 20-08-2025 ലെ സ.ഉ (കൈ) നം. 271/2025/H&FWD പ്രകാരം ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ-യുടെ ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിലെ നിയമന കാലാവധി ഒരു വർഷത്തേക്ക് കൂടി ദീർഘിപ്പിച്ച് നൽകിയിരുന്നു.

(സി) ഡോ.റീനയുടെ സ്ഥലംമാറ്റത്തിനുള്ള കാരണം 15 ദിവസത്തെ അവധിയിൽ പ്രവേശിച്ചതാണെന്ന ഉത്തരവിലെ പരാമർശം വസ്തുതാപരമാണോ; വ്യക്തമാക്കാമോ;

മറുപടി: 17-02-2010 ലെ സ. ഉ (പി) നം.69/2010/H&FWD പ്രകാരമുള്ള ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പിലെ സ്പെഷ്യൽ റൂൾസ് പ്രകാരം ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പിലെ അഡീഷണൽ ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിലുള്ള മെഡിക്കൽ ഓഫീസർമാരിൽ നിന്ന് നേരിട്ടാണ് ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറകടർ തസ്തികയിലേക്ക് നിയമനത്തിന് യോഗ്യതയുള്ള മെഡിക്കൽ ഓഫീസറെ തെരഞ്ഞെടുക്കുന്നത്.

23-02-2023 ലെ സ.ഉ (കൈ) നം. 53/2023/H&FWD പ്രകാരം ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ -യെ രണ്ട് വർഷ കാലാവധിയിലാണ് ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറായി നിയമിച്ചിരുന്നത്. ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ യുടെ ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിലെ നിയമന കാലാവധി 22-02-2025 ൽ അവസാനിച്ചതിനെ തുടർന്ന് 20-08-2025 ലെ സ.ഉ (കൈ) നം. 271/2025/H&FWD പ്രകാരം ഡോ റീന കെ ജെ-യുടെ ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ തസ്തികയിലെ നിയമന കാലാവധി ഒരു വർഷത്തേക്ക് കൂടി ദീർഘിപ്പിച്ച് നൽകിയിരുന്നു.

(ഡി) ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട ഫയലിന്റെ പകർപ്പ് ലഭ്യമാക്കാമോ?

മറുപടി: അനുബന്ധം ആയി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു.

സെക്ഷൻ ഓഫീസർ

File No. HEALTH-A1/406/2026-HEALTH

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Kerala Secretariat

Health & Family Welfare

HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (A) DEPT

SUBJECT

Main Category	:
Sub Category	:
Description	: DHS- Additional Charge

OTHER DETAILS

Language	: English
Remarks	:
Previous References	:
Later References	:

Note # 1

Please see the Note Received from Hon'ble Health Minister.

Vide orders of Hon'ble Minister draft GO put up for approval.

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ANUPAMA G NAIR
SO (A) HEALTH

Note # 2

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CHITHRA K DIVAKARAN
JS (A) HEALTH

Note # 3

Note from Hon'ble Health Minister may be seen at CF. Vide orders in the Note draft GO put up for approval.

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ANUPAMA G NAIR
SO (A) HEALTH

Note # 4

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CHITHRA K DIVAKARAN
JS (A) HEALTH

Note # 5

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ANUPAMA G NAIR
SO (A) HEALTH

Note # 6

ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ 19/06/2026 തീയതിയിൽ കത്ത് കണ്ടാലും. ആയതിൽ GO (Rt) No. 2009/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 15/06/2026 സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവ് പ്രകാരം ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ പൂർണ്ണ അധിക ചുമതല ലഭിച്ച്

13.06.2026-ന് പൂർവ്വാഹനത്തിൽ ചുമതലയേറ്റതായി അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതും, അതുസംബന്ധിച്ച RTC റിപ്പോർട്ട് ഹാജരാക്കിയിട്ടുള്ളതുമാണ്. തുടർന്ന്, ബഹു. കേരള അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റീവ് ട്രിബ്യൂണലിന്റെ ഇടക്കാല ഉത്തരവിലൂടെ Annexure A4 (GO (Rt) No. 2000/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 12/06/2026) -ഉം അതിൽ Annexure A5 (GO (Rt) No. 2009/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 15/06/2026) പ്രകാരം വരുത്തിയ ഭേദഗതികളും രണ്ടാഴ്ചത്തേക്ക് നടപ്പാക്കുന്നത് സ്റ്റേ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് Dr. Reena K J -നെ ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറായി തുടരാൻ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ, പ്രസ്തുത ഉത്തരവ് നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നതിനാവശ്യമായ തുടർനടപടികളും അനുസരണ ഉത്തരവുകളും പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കേണ്ട വിഷയത്തിൽ സർക്കാർ ഉത്തരവിനായി ആരോഗ്യ വകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടർ അഭ്യർത്ഥിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

ഫയൽ വായനയ്ക്കും തുടർ നടപടികൾ സംബന്ധിച്ച നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾക്കായും സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

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SOORAJ M
ASST (A1) HEALTH

Note # 7

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ANUPAMA G NAIR
SO (A) HEALTH

Note # 8

ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറെ സ്ഥാനമാറ്റം നടത്തിയ ഉത്തരവ് ദയവായി മുൻ കുറിപ്പിൽ കണ്ടാലും. ഇതിനെതിരെ ഡോ.റീന.കെ.ജെ ട്രിബ്യൂണൽ മുമ്പാകെ കേസ് ഫയൽ ചെയ്യുകയും, ബഹു.കേരള അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റീവ് ട്രിബ്യൂണലിന്റെ ഇടക്കാല ഉത്തരവിലൂടെ Annexure A4 (GO (Rt) No. 2000/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 12/06/2026) -ഉം അതിൽ Annexure A5 (GO (Rt) No. 2009/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 15/06/2026) പ്രകാരം വരുത്തിയ ഭേദഗതികളും രണ്ടാഴ്ചത്തേക്ക് നടപ്പാക്കുന്നത് സ്റ്റേ ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ട് Dr. Reena K J -നെ ആരോഗ്യവകുപ്പ് ഡയറക്ടറായി തുടരാൻ അനുവദിക്കണമെന്ന് നിർദ്ദേശം നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട സർക്കാർ തീരുമാനത്തിനായിട്ടുള്ള ഫയൽ എ1/411/2026 സമർപ്പണത്തിലാണ്.

സർക്കാർ ഓ.പി (KAT) 194/2026 ഫയൽ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിന്റെ ഹിയറിംങ് 23.6.2026ന് പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നതിനായി അറിയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. കേസുമായി ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട് ലഭ്യമാക്കിയ രേഖകൾ/വസ്തുതകൾ verify ചെയ്യുന്നതിനായി 22.6.2026 ന് ഒരു സീനിയർ ഓഫീസർ നെ ഡെപ്യൂട്ട് ചെയ്യണമെന്ന് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ട് അഡീഷണൽ അഡ്വക്കേറ്റ് ജനറൽ കത്ത് നൽകിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.അതിലേക്ക് ജോയിന്റ് സെക്രട്ടറിയെ നിയോഗിക്കാമോ എന്നതിൻമേലും ഉത്തരവാകേണ്ടതാണ്.

ഫയൽ പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽ സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ വായനയ്ക്കും ഉത്തരവിനുമായി സമർപ്പിക്കുന്നു

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CHITHRA K DIVAKARAN
JS (A) HEALTH

Note # 9

yes.
Pl follow up with the office of the AG and ensure that the case is taken up on 22nd itself.
If required, JS can go to Kochi tomorrow and brief the AG and GP tomorrow evening itself.

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DR SHARMILA MARY JOSEPH
PRL-SECY(H&FWD)

Note # 10

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JS (A) HEALTH

Note # 11

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ANUPAMA G NAIR
SO (A) HEALTH

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K. MURALEEDHARAN
MINISTER FOR HEALTH & DEVASWOMS
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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NOTE

Dr. Reena K.J. has completed three years in the post of Director of Health Services, and the selection process for appointment of a regular Director of Health Services is presently under consideration. It is also reported that she had availed 15 days of leave during the epidemic period. Pending regular arrangements, Dr. Meenakshy V., Additional Director of Health Services (Family Welfare), Directorate of Health Services, may be entrusted with the full additional charge of the post of Director of Health Services.

Hence, Dr. Reena K.J., Director of Health Services, may be transferred and posted as Director, Regional Public Health Laboratory, Ernakulam, by temporarily upgrading the post of Senior Consultant to the level equivalent to that of Director of Health Services.

K. MURALEEDHARAN

The Principal Secretary (Health)

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health and Family Welfare Department-Health Services-Establishment- Dr Meenakshy V,ADHS (FW) -Entrusting full Additional charge of Director of Health Services-Orders issued

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2000/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 12-06-2026

ORDER

Dr Reena K J had completed three years in the post of Director of Health Services and the selection process for appointment of a regular Director of Health Services is under consideration of Government and the Director of Health Services Dr Reena K J had availed 15 days of leave during the epidemic period.

In the above circumstances, pending regular arrangements, Dr Meenakshy V, Additional Director of Health Services (Family Welfare) , Directorate of Health Services is hereby entrusted with the full additional charge of the post of Director of Health Service. Also, Dr Reena K J, Director of Health Services is transferred and posted as Director, Regional Public Health Laboratory, Ernakulam by temporarily upgrading the post of Senior Consultant to the level equivalent to that of Director of Health Services.

(By order of the Governor)
CHITHRA K DIVAKARAN
JOINT SECRETARY

Dr Reena K J, Director of Health Services , Thiruvananthapuram
Dr Meenakshy V, ADHS (FW), Directorate of Health Services
All District Medical Officers (Health)
Principal Accountant General (Audit/A&E), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

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Date June 13, 2026

NOTE

G.O.(Rt) No.2000/2026/H&FWD dated 12.06.2026 contains a reference that "Dr. Reena K.J., Director of Health Services, had availed 15 days of leave during the epidemic period." The said sentence may be omitted.

Dr. Reena K.J. has completed three years tenure in the post of Director of Health Services, and the selection process for appointment of a regular Director of Health Services is presently under consideration at Government level. In the circumstances, the following may be added:

"Considering the prevailing public health situation in the State, particularly the ongoing surveillance and response activities relating to Shigella and Nipah outbreaks, and taking into account the administrative exigencies of the Government and the Health Services Department, the post of Director of Health Services cannot be left vacant until regular appointments are made. Therefore it has been decided entrust the full additional charge of Director of Health Services to Dr. Meenakshy V., Additional Director of Health Services (Family Welfare), with immediate effect, pending regular arrangements."

A modification order may be issued incorporating above sentences in suitable places forthwith.

K. MURALEEDHARAN

The Principal Secretary (Health)

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Abstract

Health and Family Welfare Department- Health Services- Establishment- Entrusting full Additional charge of Director of Health Services- Orders issued.

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.2009/2026/H&FWD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 15-06-2026

Read:- GO(Rt) No. 2000/2026/H&FWD dated 12-06-2026

ORDER

Dr Reena K J had completed three years tenure in the post of Director of Health Services, and the Selection process for appointment of a regular Director of Health Services is presently under consideration at Government level. Considering the prevailing public health situation in the State, particularly the ongoing surveillance and response activities relating to Shigella and Nipah outbreaks and taking into account the administrative exigencies of the Government and the Health Services Department , the post of Director of Health Services cannot be left vacant until regular appointments are made.

2) In the above circumstances, taking into consideration of the administrative convenience , Dr Reena K J , former Director of Health Services has already been transferred as per the Government Order read above. Consequently, Dr Meenakshy V, Additional Director of Health Services (Family Welfare) has been entrusted with the full additional charge of Director of Health Services pending regular

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arrangements. The sentence in the order read above "Dr Reena K J, Director of Health Services , had availed 15 days of leave during the epidemic period" is also hereby omitted .

3)The Government order read above stands modified to the above extent.

(By order of the Governor)
CHITHRA K DIVAKARAN
JOINT SECRETARY

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[See Chapter IV Article 81 (a)]

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF CHARGE

Headquarters: Directorate of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram, Date: 13-06-2026 Forenoon

Post Director of Health Services. Order under which transfer of charge is made GO (Rt)

No. 2000/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 12-06-2026

RELIEVED OFFICER

1. Name and Initials (Block Letters) --- Dr. K. J. REENA
2. If proceeding on leave
   a) Nature .duration and period of leave ---
   b) Address during leave ---
3. If on transfer
   a) Post --- Director
   b) Station to which Transferred --- Regional Public Health Laboratory, Ernakulam
4. Signature
5. Regular Post held(if only additional charge)
6. Signature.Designation and address of Countersigning officer(if onny necessary) ---

RELIEVING OFFICER

6. Name and Initials (Block letters) --- Dr. V. Meenakshy
   Additional Director (FW)
7. (i) whether returning from leave ---
   (ii) If so, place at which orders of posting were received ---
   (iii) If not from that-
   (a) post ---
   (b) station transferred ---
   (c) Date of relief at the old station ---
8. Signature --- 13/6/2026 10AM
   DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
9. Regular post held (if only holding additional charge) ---
10. Name of treasury from which payment is to be drawn ---
11. Signature Name and Designation of countersigning officer (if only necessary) --- Dr. RAJAN N KHOBRAGADE, IAS
    Additional Chief Secretary,
    Health & Family Welfare & Ayush Depts.,
    Government of Kerala,
    Thiruvananthapuram.

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E)

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Sir.

I am forwarding my report of transfer of charge on *assuming /relinquishing / charge / additional charge of the post of .....

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Yours faithfully

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No: DHS/13041/2026-ER1 Dated : 19-06-2026

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
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Govt Secretariat Thiruvananthpuram

Sir,

Subject:- H.S.D: Dr. Reena K J, Former DHS- Joining duty following Court Order-Reg.

Reference:- 1) GO (Rt) No. 2009/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 15/06/2026
2) Interim Order in OA No. 950/2026 Dated: 18/06/2026 by the Hon. Tribunal.

Kind attention is invited to the references cited above.

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Subsequently, vide the interim order referred as 2nd , the Hon'ble Kerala Administrative Tribunal ordered as follows:

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"In the light of the above facts and circumstances of the case, this Tribunal finds merit in the prayer to grant interim order by way of staying the implementation of all proceedings pursuant to Annexure A4 as modified in Annexure A5. Accordingly, implementation of Annexure A4 as modified in Annexure A5 shall not be implemented for a period of two weeks. The applicant shall be allowed to continue as Director of Health Services."

In view of the above interim order, and since the authority to permit the applicant to continue in the post and to issue the necessary compliance orders vests with the Government, I respectfully request that urgent orders regarding the action to be taken in the matter may kindly be issued.

An early decision in the matter is solicited.

Encl: RTC report duly countersigned by the Additional Chief Secretary (Health).

Yours faithfully,

Digitally signed by
Meenakshy V
Date: 19-06-2026
15:17:21

Dr V Meenakshy
Director of Health Services (i/c)

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[See Chapter IV Article 81 (a)]

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   THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
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DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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IN THE KERALA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AT THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present:

The Hon'ble Mr. P K Kesavan, Administrative Member

Dated this the 18th of June 2026

OA-950/2026

Applicant(s):

1) Dr.Reena K J, aged 59 years, W/o Gopinathan P.K.,,Working As Director of Health Services, Health & Family Welfare Department, Directorate of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram, Pin - 695035 (under orders of transfer as the Director, Regional Public Health Laboratory, Ernakulam, Pin - 682035),residing at Puthukulangara House, Kuttur P.O,Thrissur,Kerala- 680013

By Advs. ARAVINDAKSHAN PILLAI S P , PETER JOSE CHRISTO , ANAND S A , AMMU PILLAI L , ANNAPOORNA L & ASWATHY N

Respondent(s):

1) State of Kerala represented by Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Government Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram, Pin - 695001,, Kerala

2) Dr.Meenakshy V, Additional Director of Health Services (Family Welfare), Directorate of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram, Pin - 695035,, Kerala

GOVERNMENT PLEADER

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Original Application praying inter alia that in the circumstances stated in the application, the Tribunal may be pleased to stay the operation and implementation of and all proceedings pursuant to Annexure-A4, so as to enable the applicant to continue as the Director of Health Servicess, pending disposal of the Original Application.

The Original Application come up for admission and upon perusing the application and upon hearing the arguments of Advs. Aravindakshan Pillai S.P, Anand S.A, Ammu Pillai.L, Annapoorna. L, Aswathy. N and Peter Jose Christo, Counsels for the Applicant, Government Pleader for the Respondent 1, this Tribunal passed the following:

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P. K KESAVAN, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER

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O.A. No. 950 of 2026

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Dated this the 18th day of June, 2026

ORDER

The 1st respondent has filed a short reply statement and sought permission to file a detailed statement, if found necessary.

2. The scope for judicial intervention in transfer matters is well laid out through a catena of judgments of the Hon'ble Apex Court. It is well settled that such orders can be subjected to judicial review if the orders are issued by an authority not competent to do so, if the order is in violation of statutes or if it has been issued by a colorable exercise of authority.

3. Annexure A4 transfer order as modified in Annexure A5, is challenged by the applicant on all these three counts. It is contended that these orders are issued by a Joint Secretary who is at a lower cadre in the administrative structure and is not authorized to issue such orders. It is specifically contended that Rule 6 of the Kerala Health Services (Medical Officers) Special Rules, 2010 specifically

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provide that option for placement once exercised shall be final. The applicant had exercised option for placement in the Administrative Branch in the Service and the present order is transferring her to the post of Director, Regional Public Health Laboratory, Ernakulam which is not a post in the Administrative Branch of the Service. Annexure A4 order was issued without any reference or report from any other sources, by one Joint Secretary. There are two reasons cited in the order of transfer. The first reason is that the applicant has completed 3 years in the present post and the selection process for appointment of a regular Director of Health Services (DHS) is under the consideration of the Government. The second reason cited is that the applicant had availed 15 days of leave during the epidemic period. However the second reason was deleted by Annexure A5 order dated 15.06.2026. Though there is no tenure prescribed for the post of DHS as per the Special Rules, the applicant was initially appointed for a tenure of two years. Thereafter it was extended by one year by order dated 20.08.2025 and this tenure ends only on 19.08.2026. The transfer is ordered before completing this tenure, for no valid reasons, on wrong assumptions which were partly rectified

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subsequently. All these tantamount to colorable exercise of authority, is her contention.

4. In the short reply statement the 1st respondent admits that under the Special Rules there is no prescribed period of appointment for the DHS. When Annexure A1 order was issued for a tenure of 2 years, the applicant accepted the same with open eyes. This tenure ended on 22.02.2025. Extension of one year tenure ordered in Annexure A2 has to be taken w.e.f 23.02.2025 and it has ended on 22.02.2026. The present transfer is ordered purely in public interest. Rule 5 of the Special Rules is with regard to the option to be exercised by the employees. It cannot be taken to mean that the Government in public interest cannot transfer the employee after protecting the pay and status of the post. In this case the applicant has been transferred as Director, after upgrading the post of Senior Consultant and her pay has been protected. Further, appointment of Heads of Departments is governed by Rule 28A and Rule 37 of Part II Kerala State and Subordinate Services Rules, 1958 (KS & SSR). Accordingly the Government is empowered to appoint even an officiating or permanent officer of an All India Service to any State Service or category thereof, notwithstanding anything contained in

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the General Rules or the Special Rules. A qualified, competent, eligible person being available in the State Service does not bind the State Government to promote him as Head of service as per the Special Rules, if he is not suitable for the post. This suitability in service parlance goes beyond qualification, competence and eligibility but it necessarily partakes an element of desirability in larger public interest. Annexures A4 & A5 orders are issued in public interest and the applicant cannot contend nor dictate that the Government does not have the authority to issue such orders.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant, in addition to reiterating her contentions in the Original Application, points out that the respondent is trying to strengthen the illegal transfer order by finding out reasons which were not there when the order was issued. This is struck by the dictum laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in ***Mohinder Singh Gill and Another Vs. Chief Election Commissioner (1978 KHC 478)***. Paragraph 8 of the said judgment reads as follows.

> *"8. The second equally relevant matter is that when a statutory functionary makes an order based on certain grounds, its validity must be judged by the reasons so mentioned and cannot be supplemented by fresh reasons in the shape of affidavit or otherwise. Otherwise, an order bad in the beginning may, by the*

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time it comes to court on account of a challenge, get validated by additional grounds later brought out. We may here draw attention to the observations of Bose J. In Gordhandas Bhanji (AIR 1952 SC 16) (at p. 18): "Public orders publicly made, in exercise of a statutory authority cannot be construed in the light of explanations subsequently given by the officer making the order of what he meant, or of what was in his mind, or what he intended to do. Public orders made by public authorities are meant to have public effect and are intended to affect the acting and conduct of those to whom they are addressed and must be construed objectively with reference to the language used in the order itself."

6. Learned Special Government Pleader reiterated the contention that the applicant has been transferred to Ernakulam which is nearer to her home station. She has already completed 3 years and her substitute has joined the post on 13.06.2026. The option exercised by the applicant under the Special Rules does not grant her an assured posting as DHS. The salary and other benefits attached with the post of DHS is protected by upgrading her transferred post to that of DHS. It is also contended that under the Rule 11 and 12 of the Rules of Business of the Government read along with Rule 3 (c), the Joint Secretary is competent to sign orders on behalf of the Governor. Annexures A4 & A5 orders have been issued by exercising this authority. Reliance is also placed on the

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judgment of ***State of UP &Others Vs. Gobardhan Lal (2004 KHC 1853)***. Paragraph 7 of the said judgment reads as follows.

> *"7 It is too late in the day for any government servant to contend that once appointed or posted in a particular place or position, he should continue in such place or position as long as he desires. Transfer of an employee is not only an incident inherent in the terms of appointment but also implicit as an essential condition of service in the absence of any specific indication to the contra, in the law governing or conditions of service. Unless the order of transfer is shown to be an outcome of a mala fide exercise of power or violative of any statutory provision (an Act or rule) or passed by an authority not competent to do so, an order of transfer cannot lightly be interfered with as a matter of course or routine for any or every type of grievance sought to be made. Even administrative guidelines for regulating transfers or containing transfer policies at best may afford an opportunity to the officer or servant concerned to approach their higher authorities for redress but cannot have the consequence of depriving or denying the competent authority to transfer a particular officer/servant to any place in public interest and as is found necessitated by exigencies of service as long as the official status is not affected adversely and there is no infraction of any career prospects such as seniority, scale of pay and secured emoluments. This Court has often reiterated that the order of transfer made even in transgression of administrative guidelines cannot also be interfered with, as they do not confer any legally enforceable rights, unless, as noticed supra, shown to be vitiated by mala fides or is made in violation of any statutory provision."*

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7. The applicant was included in the panel of officers for selection to the post of DHS. After considering the panel in detail, the Principal Secretary to the Government issued Annexure A1 order appointing the applicant as DHS for a period of two years, even though the Special Rules do not provide for any tenure. This was further extended for a period of one year vide Annexure A2 order dated 20.08.2025. This order does not say that it has any retrospective effect. Contentions to the contrary are not sustainable. As per the 2010 Special Rules, the category of DHS comes under the Administrative Cadre. The method of appointment to this post is through direct appointment by selection from category 2, i.e., Additional Directors of Health Services / District Medical Officers (Health) and equated categories. The applicant was transferred from the post of DHS by Annexure A4 order on the ground that she has completed 3 years and the selection process for appointment of a regular DHS is under consideration of the Government. Another reason cited in Annexure A4 that the applicant had availed 15 days of leave during the epidemic period, which was subsequently deleted through Annexure A5 order. Annexure A5 order further states that considering the prevailing public health situation in the State,

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8. The contention of the respondent that there is no violation of Special Rules by transferring the applicant from the administrative cadre has to be examined against Rule 6 which states that the option once exercised shall be final. Other than a casual denial, this respondent does not support this contention by way of any Rule or executive order. The contention of the applicant that her transfer is in violation of the Special Rules is *prima facie* found sustainable.

9. The contention that the Joint Secretary is competent to issue Annexures A4 and A5 orders as well as the contention of the applicant that these orders were issued with *mala fide* intentions also require further examination.

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Post after two weeks.

Sd/- P.K Kesavan, Administrative Member

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Annexure A2- True copy of the G.O.(P) No. 271/2025/H&FWD dated 20.08.2025.

Annexure A4- True copy of the G.O.(Rt) No.2000/2026/H&FWD dated 12.06.2026.

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"In the light of the above facts and circumstances of the case, this Tribunal finds merit in the prayer to grant interim order by way of staying the implementation of all proceedings pursuant to Annexure A4 as modified in Annexure A5. Accordingly, implementation of Annexure A4 as modified in Annexure A5 shall not be implemented for a period of two weeks. The applicant shall be allowed to continue as Director of Health Services."

In view of the above interim order, and since the authority to permit the applicant to continue in the post and to issue the necessary compliance orders vests with the Government, I respectfully request that urgent orders regarding the action to be taken in the matter may kindly be issued.

An early decision in the matter is solicited.

Encl: RTC report duly countersigned by the Additional Chief Secretary (Health).

Yours faithfully,

Dr V Meenakshy
Director of Health Services (i/c)

K.F.C Form - 7

[See Chapter IV Article 81 (a)]

REPORT OF TRANSFER OF CHARGE

Headquarters: Directorate of Health Services. Thiruvananthapuram. Date: 13-06-2026 Forenoon

Post Director of Health Services. Order under which transfer of charge is made GO (Rt)

No. 2000/2026/H&FWD. Dated: 12-06-2026

RELIEVED OFFICER

1. Name and Initials (Block Letters) --- Dr. K. J. REENA
2. If proceeding on leave
   a) Nature .duration and period of leave ---
   b) Address during leave ---
3. If on transfer
   a) Post --- Director
   b) Station to which Transferred --- Regional Public Health Laboratory, Ernakulam
4. Signature
5. Regular Post held(if only additional charge)
6. Signature.Designation and address of Countersigning officer(if onny necessary) ---

RELIEVING OFFICER

7. Name and Initials (Block letters) --- Dr. V. Meenakshy
   Additional Director (FW)
8. (i) whether returning from leave ---
   (ii) If so, place at which orders of posting were received ---
   (iii) If not from that-
   (a) post ---
   (b) station transferred ---
   (c) Date of relief at the old station ---
9. Signature --- 13/6/2026 10AM
   DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
10. Regular post held (if only holding additional charges) ---
11. Name of treasury from which payment is to be drawn ---
12. Signature Name and Designation of countersigning officer (if only necessary) ---

DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Dr. RAJAN N KHOBRAGADE IAS
Additional Chief Secretary,
Health & Family Welfare & Ayush Depts.,
Government of Kerala,
Thiruvananthapuram.

Note: 1. The report of transfer of charge should be sent by the officer concerned by post on the same day to the Accountant General (A&E)

2. When the reports of transfer of charges are signed conjointly by the relieving and relieved officers each of them should forward seperate copy of the report to the Accountant General (A&E) with the duly filled up covering letter on the facing page.

3. A copy of the report of transfer of charge should simultaneously be sent to the concerned treasury officer.

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Sir,

I am forwarding my report of transfer of charge on *assuming /relinquishing / charge / additional charge of the post of .....

on ..... Forenoon / Afternoon.

Yours faithfully

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Entered in the Leave Account }

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Accountant SO/AAO

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