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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
SWASTHYA BHABAN, GN-29 SALT LAKE CITY, KOLKATA- 81**

Memo No. M/2485(4)


Date: 23/12/2021

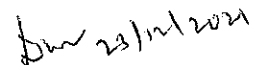
To

1. The Principals of all Medical Colleges, Deptt of HFW, Govt. of W.B.
2. The MSVP's of all Medical Colleges, Deptt of HFW, Govt. of W.B.
3. The Superintendents of all District & Sub-divisional Hospitals, Deptt of HFW, Govt. of W.B.
4. M.O.(ML) of all Districts, Deptt of HFW, Govt. of W.B.

Please find enclosed herewith an Office Memorandum bearing No. as F.No. H-11021/07/2021-H-1 dated 15.11.2021 from the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India regarding conduction of Postmortem in Hospitals after sunset.

All concerned are requested to comply with the said Memorandum.


23/12/21
Director of Health Services
Government of West Bengal

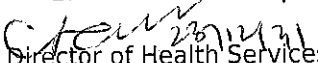

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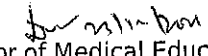
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Copy for information and necessary action please to:

1. The Special Secretary (MERT), Deptt of Health & F.W., Govt. of W.B.
2. P.A. to the Principal Secretary, Deptt of Health & F.W., Govt. of W.B.


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F. No. H-11021/07/2021-H-I
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(Hospital-I Section)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 15.11.2021

Office Memorandum

Subject: Conduct of Post-mortem in Hospitals after sunset -reg.

With reference to the above mentioned subject, multiple references have been received in the ministry from various sources.

2. The issue has been examined by a technical committee in the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India. It has been ascertained that some institutes are already performing night-time post-mortem. In view of the rapid advancement and improvement in technology, especially availability of required lighting and infrastructure for post-mortem, performing night time post-mortem in hospitals is feasible.

3. Therefore, it has been decided that post-mortem after sunset can be conducted at hospitals which have the infrastructure for conducting such post-mortem on a regular basis. The fitness and adequacy of infrastructure etc. shall be assessed by the Hospital In-charge to ensure that there is no dilution of evidentiary value.

4. However, cases under categories such as homicide, suicide, rape, decomposed bodies, suspected foul play should not be subjected for post-mortem during night time unless there is a law and order situation.

5. Post-mortem for organ donation should be taken up on priority and be conducted even after sunset, if adequate infrastructure is available.

6. It is also to be ensured that video recording of post-mortem shall be done for all night time post-mortem, to rule out any suspicion and preserved for future reference for legal purposes.

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Please circulate to all.

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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1. All concern Ministries/Departments.
2. All State Government and Union Territories.
3. NIC with the request to upload the same on Ministry website.

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