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Gujarat Anatomy Rules, 2013Published vide Notification No. MIS/03/102003/5522/J, dated 7.2.2014Last Updated 29th June, 2019No. MIS/03/102003/5522/J. - In exercise of power conferred by Section 14 of the Gujarat Anatomy Act, 2011 (Gujarat 10 of 2011), the Government of Gujarat hereby makes the following rules to provide for the supply of unclaimed bodies of deceased persons and for donation by a person of his body alter his death to the hospitals and medical teaching institutions for therapeutic purposes or for the purpose of medical education or research including anatomical examination and dissection, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.

(1) These rules may be called the Gujarat Anatomy Rules, 2013.(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions.

- In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,-(a)"Act" means the Gujarat Anatomy Act, 2011;(b)"Form" means a form annexed to this Rules;(c)"registered medical practitioners" means allopathic doctors with M.B.B.S. or equivalent degree as referred in the Medical Council Act 1956;(d)"Section" means a section of the Act.(e)Words and expression used and not defined in these rules, but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.

3. Approved Institutions/Colleges.

(1)All the recognized Medical and Dental Colleges shall be the "approved institutes" for receiving and embalming of dead bodies (unclaimed or donated) for the purpose of anatomical dissection and teaching. The status of "approved" shall automatically discontinue, when the same is de-recognized by regulatory or competent authority.(2)Other Paramedical institutions or Colleges as referred to in Gujarat Professional Medical Educational colleges or Institutions (Regulations of Admission and

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Fixation of Fees) Act, 2007 which conduct the professional courses such as Physiotherapy, Aryuveda, Homeopathy, Nursing, Optometry etc. are authorized to conduct only anatomical examination and dissection for teaching purpose and shall not collect embalmed dead bodies from the approved institutions.

4. Duty of Police and Authorized Officers.

(1) Police officer and employees of Police Department, Medical and Public Health Department, all officers and employees in the services of the local authority and village officers and employees who come to know of the death of any person in any public place in any area in which he had no permanent place of residence, shall report the fact to the authorized officer with the least practicable delay.(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the responsibility for immediate reporting the fact to the authorized officer shall be that of the officer-in-charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction of the area and the village headman of the area concerned. The In-charge of the Police Station concerned shall be responsible for arranging immediate removal of the dead bodies to the hospital for preservation from decay in the following manner,-(a)If any such person dies in hospital or in prison the authority in-charge of such hospital or prison shall immediately report the fact to the nearest relative mentioned in the record of the patient or prisoner. If the said relative does not claim the body within-(i)24 hours, if the relative resides inside the district;(ii)48 hours, if the relative resides outside the district but within the State;(iii)72 hours, if the relative resides outside the State; (iv)120 hours, if the relative resides outside the territory of India.(v)If there is no record of relatives of the dead, the authority in-charge may take appropriate decision after 48 hours of the death, Then, the dead body shall be disposed off by the authorized officer in the manner laid down in Rule 6 of these rules; (b) Pending receipt of the claim, if any, in pursuance of clause (a) above, a dead body shall be shifted to the mortuary of the hospital or the teaching medical institution, as the case may be, for preservation from decay,(c)If such body is not claimed within the period specified in clause (i) of this subrule the authorized officer shall proceed to dispose off the body in the manner laid down in Rule 7 of this rules.(3)The authorized officer for the purpose of deciding any doubt or dispute whether a person is or is not a near relative of the deceased for the purpose of Section 4 of the Act shall hold a summary enquiry into the matter. Such officer need not record the oral evidence of witness but shall maintain a memorandum of evidence and a gist of the representation in the case on the basis of which he arrives at a decision.(4)Dead bodies which are received in the hospital under sub-rule (1) of this rule shall be kept temporarily in the cold storage or mortuary, if available, until these are shifted to the Anatomy Department.(5)Nothing contained in these rules shall apply to cases where death has taken place under suspicious circumstances and the body is subject to medico-legal examination. In such cases if the police have not taken possession of it themselves, the body shall be I handed over to the police.

5. Donation of a Dead Body of deceased person.

(1)If any person has expressed the desire to donate body, the relatives of the deceased shall have to inform the approved institution. The relative shall be reimbursed road transport charges maximum for 300 k.m. at the rate as may be determined by the Government from time to time provided the approved institute is informed within two hours of the death and body is accepted by authorized

officer.(2)The Post-mortem performed body may be accepted by approved institute for use other than anatomical dissection, such as research or teaching activities.(3)Once the body is donated, the relatives of the body shall have no claim over the body.(4)(i)The written consent/declaration showing the pledge in Form A appended to these rule shall be submitted by the donor to donate his/her body after death and the authorized person of the Anatomy Department shall receipt the same in Form B appended to these rules: or(ii)The written consent as specified in Form C appended to these rules, of the near relatives should be produced at the time of donation.(5)The Death certificate showing cause of death issued by Registered Medical Practitioner, who has attended the deceased during last illness, should be produced at the time of donation.

6. Disposal of Dead Body.

(1) If the senior officer of the approved institute decides that the body is not suitable for educational purpose or not required by the said Institute then the same shall be disposed off in the following manner, namely:-(i)unclaimed body shall be disposed by the police officer and(ii)body brought by relative/s can be disposed off, if so desired by the relative, by approved institution with the assistance of voluntary organizations.(2) The parts of the body, after dissection, may be disposed in the following manner, namely:-(i) by concerned hospital authorities.(ii) be processed to collect hard bony structures.(iii) be preserved for teaching purpose.

7. Use for Medical Research.

(1)Human dead body/part of body/human organ/human tissue removed before or after anatomical dissection shall be preserved according to current and accepted scientific method in order to ensure responsible use for medical research and education by the approved Government/Semi Government/Grant-in aid teaching Institutions.(2)Anatomy department of approved Government / Semi Government / Grant-in aid teaching Institutions can use human dead body for the purpose of mummification and can keep in museum as teaching aid.(3)Responsible use for medical research shall be taken up after the approval of registered Institutional Ethic Committee.

8. Registers, Returns etc.

- The authorized, officer of the approved institute shall maintain a Register of the dead bodies it received by it in Form D appended to these rules and also maintain records of Annual Returns pertaining to dead bodies as per Form E and Form F appended to these rules.

9. Repeal and Saving.

- Subject to the provision of this Part, with effect on from the date on which the Act is constituted, the earlier any Act or Rules related to this shall stand repealed.

Form A Photo [SeeRule 5 (4) (i)]

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