



Abstract

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Directorate of Social Defence – Taking over of Observation Home run by the Non-Governmental Organisation, Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society, Coimbatore by Government – Orders – Issued.

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme [SW8 (1)] Department

G.O.(Ms) No.93

Dated 09.12.2016

துன்முகி, கார்த்திகை 24,
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2047

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No. 1482, Home Department, Dated 22.04.1948.

Read also:

2. From the District Collector, Coimbatore, D.O.letter No.259/2001/CA, dated 16.10.2001.
3. From the District Collector, Coimbatore, letter No.10949/2012/E1, dated 14.09.2013.
4. From the Director of Social Defence, letter No.18130/D1/2001, dated 12.07.2002, 20.03.2008, 19.06.2008, 05.09.2014 and 15.07.2015.

ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, among other things the Government have issued orders for opening of a Remand Home in Coimbatore and the management of the above Home was entrusted with the Coimbatore Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society.

2. In the year 2001, the Collector of Coimbatore District in the letter second read above has stated that the Observation Home was being run like a Prison and the facilities are not adequate and had requested the Government to take over the Home under their control.

3. In the letter third read above, the Collector of Coimbatore district has also brought to the notice of the Government that the Probation Officer, Department of Social Defence, Coimbatore has reported certain allegations against the Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society and certain incidents that took place recently as follows:-

- (i) The Society had become ineffective and not functioning in a proper manner.

- (ii) One of the major recent incidents was a murder of a boy in the home on 07-05-2008 by the other inmates.
- (iii) Escape of inmates from this home is a regular phenomena.
- (iv) Three boys have attempted to commit suicide by drinking the toilet soap water.
- (v) The management of the society is not taking any steps to curtail all these activities in the home and for smooth functioning of the home.
- (vi) Insufficient food is supplied to the inmates and the food is brought from outside this home.
- (vii) The Juveniles are not allowed to see their parents regularly.
- (viii) The Juveniles are not allowed to play in the playground meant for them during evening hours which creates aggression in the minds of the inmates and instigates them to attempt to escape from the home.
- (ix) The society is misusing the Government land by allowing activities like construction of State Bank of India's ATM centre within the premises of the home.
- (x) One of the buildings of the home has been let out to the office of the Probation Officer of Prison Department and the rent thus collected is not paid to Government Account.
- (xi) Recently the society demolished one of the buildings of the home and constructed a commercial shop and leased it for a sweet stall and income over this shop also had not been paid to Government Account.

4. The Collector, Coimbatore District has therefore recommended that the management of the Observation Home, Coimbatore may be taken over from the Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society, Coimbatore by the Government for the betterment of juveniles detained in the home and also to safeguard the Government property and to preserve the functioning of the home in a proper manner to reform the juveniles in qualitative aspects in future.

5. The Director of Social Defence in his letter fourth read above, has also requested the Government to issue necessary orders for taking over the Observation Home run by the Non-Governmental Organisation Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society, Coimbatore by the Government.

6. After careful examination, the Government accepts the proposal of the Director of Social Defence and the District Collector, Coimbatore and direct that the Observation Home run by the Non-Governmental Organisation Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society, Coimbatore be taken over by the Government with the existing staff and movable properties.

7. The Director of Social Defence is requested to examine the issues like provincialisation of services of the full time regular employees of the above said Home based on precedent and relevant rules and to send necessary proposal in this regard in due course to Government.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance department vide its U.O.No.64058/SW/2016, dated 07.12.2016.

(By Order of the Governor)

K. Manivasan,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Director of Social Defence, Chennai -10.

✓ The District Collector, Coimbatore.

The Pay Account Officer, Chennai.

The Accountant General, Chennai-18.

The Treasury Officer, Coimbatore.

Copy to

The Honorary Secretary,

Discharged Prisoner's Aid Society, Coimbatore.

The Finance (SW) Department, Chennai-9.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's Office, Chennai -9.

The Senior Personnel Assistant to Hon'ble Minister
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