



### Abstract

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Department of Social Defence – Reconstitution of Village level Watch Dog Committee so as to empower it to act also as Village Level Child Protection Committee under Integrated Child Protection Scheme – Orders - Issued.

### Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW 8) Department

G.O. (Ms) No.10

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Dated 10-01-2013

மார்ச்சு 26 திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2043

Read:

- 1) G.O. (Ms) No.138, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, dated 05.09.2002.

Read also:

- 2) From the Director of Social Defence, Letter No.7913 / D1/ 2009, dated 08.02.2011 and 27.12.2011.

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### ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above the Government have issued orders for constitution of Village Level Watch Dog Committee for elimination of trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of Women and Children with the following composition in all the districts except Chennai in this State:-

(i)	Village Panchayat President	Chairman
(ii)	Village Administrative Officer	Convenor
(iii)	Headmaster of High School, if located in the Village, and if not Headmaster of the Elementary School covering the village	Member
(iv)	A representative from the local Police Station (to be nominated by the concerned Inspector)	Member
(v)	A representative of the Non-Governmental Organisation active in the Village / Area (to be decided by the committee)	Member
(vi)	A member of Self-Help Group active in the village (to be identified by the Self-Help Group)	Member

2. It has also been ordered that the Committee shall meet as and when required and at least once in three months and discuss all matters relating to combating trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children and the District Collectors were made responsible for the constitution and over-all functioning of these committees.

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O/o Director of Social Defence  
Chennai - 600 010.

No.7913/D1/2009-1

Dated:11.02.2013

Sub:- Social Defence - Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) -  
Reconstitution of Village level Watch Dog Committee so as to empower it  
to act also as Village level Child Protection Committee under ICPS to  
recommend and Monitor the implementation of Child Protection  
services at village level - Orders - Issued - Reg.

Ref:- G.O.(Ms) No.10, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (S.W.8)  
Department, dated.10.01.2013

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In the reference cited, Government has issued orders reconstituting the Village level Watch Dog Committee so as to empower it to act as Village level Child Protection Committee (VLWDC) under ICPS to recommend and monitor the implementation of child protection Services at Village Level and also to discuss all the matters relating to combating trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children. The Copy of the Government Order is communicated herewith for information and necessary action.

Further, the District Child Protection Officers are directed to take up the matter with the District Collectors concerned for the reconstitution of VLWDC in all villages and to make the committee to meet as and when required and at least once in three months to recommend and monitor the implementation of child protection services at village level.

The action taken report consisting of total number of villagess against number of VLWDC reconstituted etc., should be sent to the State Child Protection Society (SCPS) then and there and first report should reach SCPS on or before 28.02.2013.

The Programme Manager (Child Protection) of State Child Protection Society is directed to take further follow-up in the matter.

P.Kaliammal,  
for Director of Social Defence.

To:-

All the District Child Protection Officers (w.e)  
The Programme Manager, State Project Support Unit (w.e.)  
The Programme Manager(Child Protection), State Child Protection Society (w.e)  
All the Officers in the Directorate (w.e)  
All the Superintendents / Assistants in the Directorate (w.e)  
D1, D2, D3, D4 - Stock File

Copy to:

The Deputy Director (i/c), Regional Office, Maduari (w.e).

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Superintendent.  
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3. The Director of Social Defence, in his letter second read above has stated that as per the guidelines of the Integrated Child Protection Scheme every village shall have a Child Protection Committee under the Chairpersonship of the Village level elected representative (Head of the Gram Panchayat) to recommend and monitor the implementation of child protection services at the village level. According to the guideline the Committee shall include two child representatives, a member of the District Child Protection Society, Anganwadi workers, School teachers, Auxiliary Nurse Midwives, as well as respected village members and civil society representatives.

4. He has further informed that multiplicity of committees at village level may not be desirable. Hence it is felt that Village Level Watch Dog Committee itself may look into child protection issues with the members also being additionally included which has been provided in the Integrated Child Protection Scheme as members of Village Level Watch Dog Committee.

5. He has therefore requested the Government to issue orders enabling the Village Level Watch Dog Committee to act also with the roles of Village Level Child Protection Committee with the additional members which has been provided in the Integrated Child Protection Scheme to recommend and monitor the implementation of child protection services at the village level and also to issue orders to constitute ward level Committees in town panchayat, municipal and municipal corporation areas.

6. The Government after careful examination accept the proposal of the Director of Social Defence and accordingly reconstitute the existing Village Level Watch Dog Committee with the following Composition so as to empower it to act also as Village Level Child Protection Committee:-

i)	Elected Village Panchayat President.	-	Chairperson
ii)	Village Administrative Officer	-	Convener
iii)	Head Master of the High School / Hr.Sec.School and if not Head Master of the Primary Union Middle School / elementary School located in the Village or school teachers of the school concerned	-	Member
iv)	Two Child representatives to be nominated from local school by the Head Master	-	Member
v)	A Member of the District Child Protection Society	-	Member
vi)	Anganwadi worker	-	Member
vii)	Village Health Nurse / Auxiliary Nurse Midwives	-	Member
viii)	A representative of the Non-Governmental Organisation active in the village	-	Member

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| ix) | A Member of the Self Help Group active in the village   | - | Member |
| x)  | A representative from the local police station (to be nominated by the concerned Inspector of Police) | - | Member |

The District Collectors are responsible for the reconstitution of the Village Level Watch Dog Committees, so as to enable it to act also as Village level Child Protection Committees and overall functioning of these committees.

7. The Government also hereby empower the above Village Level Watch Dog Committee to act also as "Village Level Child Protection Committee" to recommend and monitor the implementation of Child Protection services at the Village level and also to discuss all the matters relating to combating trafficking and commercial exploitation of women and children. This Committee shall meet as and when required and at least once in three months. Copy of minutes shall be sent to the District Collector concerned within 10 days. The Village Administrative Officer / Convener of the Committee will be responsible for preparation of minutes and submission of minutes to the District Collector. The District Collectors shall be responsible for convening the Village Level Watch Dog Committee meeting as and when required and atleast once in 3 months and shall send the minutes of the meetings to the Director of Social Defence periodically. He shall also communicate the copy of the minutes to the department Officers concerned for follow up action wherever necessary. The Director of Social Defence shall open a periodical in this office so as to ensure the receipt of the members of the meetings periodically.

(By order of the Governor)

Ashok Dongre  
Principal Secretary to Government.

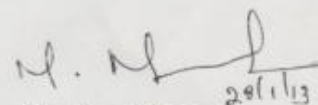
To

- ✓ The Director of Social Defence, Chennai-10.
- All District Collectors.
- The Director of Rural Development, Chennai-600 015.
- The Director of School Education, Chennai-600 006.
- The Director General of Police, Chennai – 600 004.
- The Director of Health and Family Welfare, Chennai-600 006.

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Section Officer  
