

HARYANA RIGHT TO SERVICE COMMISSION
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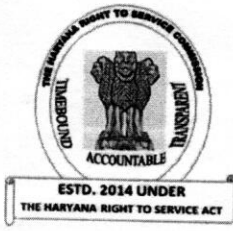
No. HRTSC/SM-26/Health/1986

✓ The Deputy Commissioner,
Rohtak

The Civil Surgeon,
Rohtak.

Sub:- Regarding Suo Moto Notice.

A copy of the order passed by the Worthy Chief Commissioner of the Commission in a *suo moto* notice issued to the Director, PGIMS Rohtak was sent to the Director, PGIMS, Rohtak for information and necessary action vide this office Memo No. 1809 dated 14.10.2021 (copy enclosed). The case was taken up for further proceedings on 25.10.2021 by the Chief Commissioner, HRTSC. In the meantime, reply dated 24.10.2021 (copy enclosed) was received from Director, Pt. B.D. Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Rohtak as per which, in 86 number of cases out of 125 cases, death certificates have not been issued till date. This is in contrast to the statement of Dr. Rohtas Yadav, former Director, PGIMS, Rohtak who appeared for personal hearing on 11.10.2021 and stated that 'at present, there is no overdue case of death for which certificate has to be issued'. Therefore, to verify the facts, telephonic discussions were held by our Worthy Chief Commissioner with Dr Geeta, present Director of PGIMS, Rohtak who has sent the report dated 24.10.2021. It has been mentioned that out of 125 death files whose registration was delayed, 107 belong to covid 19 period when extraordinary exigencies / circumstances due to the covid 19 pandemic were there. Resultantly, the system was overwhelmed and in 18 cases which are of non covid period, mostly pertaining to 2019, the delay is due to failure of systematic checks at every level. However, it has been contended that the system stands now streamlined. The inquiry report signed by the 5 doctors attached with this communication dated 24.10.2021 is nothing but an eye-wash. It is extremely extremely unfortunate that the death certificates have not been issued in cases where death occurred in 2019 i.e. even after a delay of about 2 years when there was no covid pandemic. Merely blaming the failure of the system cannot absolve the concerned persons from their responsibilities for delay in delivering the service and therefore, the Commission cannot allow this go unpunished. Though it can be accepted that the system was overwhelmed due to covid pandemic and death certificates could not be issued in time but same cannot be said of 17 cases of 2019



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i.e. prior to covid pandemic. The death certificates have not been issued till date even in 3 cases where death had occurred in the month of July, 2019 i.e. more than 2 years ago. It has merely been mentioned that the case has been sent to the Deputy Commissioner office or Civil Surgeon office but the Director has failed to give the dates when it has been sent to DC office or Civil Surgeon office. In 6 cases out of these 17 cases, death certificates have been issued after more than 2 years on 10.09.2021 after the intervention of the Commission but unfortunately in remaining 11 cases, the death certificates have not been issued till date. As far as cases of death during period of covid are concerned, the last infection was practically in May, 2021 and therefore, even in those cases, death certificates should have been issued by now. Therefore, the Commission has directed me to confirm from you whether the cases shown in the report dated 24.10.2021 stated to be sent to you, have been received by your office and what action has been taken by your office to get the delay condoned and to issue the certificates. You are directed to send the above information by 4th November, 2021 through email at rtsc-hry@gov.in.

(Meenaxee Raj, HCS)
Secretary.

Encl: As above