

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – Mandatory registration and intimation of Cancer as a notifiable disease for reporting and surveillance - Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (H) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No.17

Dated: 06.04.2026

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ORDER:

1. The burden of non-communicable diseases is increasing steadily and has become a major public health concern. Cancer has emerged as a significant cause of morbidity and mortality, underscoring the need for a systematic and institutional mechanism to capture reliable and timely information on the disease burden in the State.
2. **Rationale:** Accurate and comprehensive data on cancer incidence and prevalence, distribution and types are essential for assessing the magnitude and pattern of disease in the State; identifying risk factors, geographical/demographic variations and for evolving an effective screening strategy.
3. Cancer registration will provide information on diagnosis, treatment, palliative care, rehabilitative services and long-term follow-up. Targeted policies and evaluation of interventions undertaken will channel effective resource management.
4. **Present Status:** Presently, only institution-level registries are maintained at Nizams Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad and Mehdi Nawaz Jung Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Centre (MNJIORCC), Hyderabad under the State Government.
5. The Government therefore deems it essential to have in place a mandatory reporting mechanism for all diagnosed cancer cases in the State, both from Government and Private hospitals, to ensure availability of reliable and timely data for public health action.
6. **Objective:** The objective of making cancer a notifiable disease is to create a robust surveillance system for cancer in the State which estimates cancer incidence, prevalence and mortality, augment preventive screening and early detection measures; assist plan for diagnostic and treatment facilities; palliative and rehabilitative care services and evidence-based policy formulation, monitoring and research. A uniform Cancer Registry for the State will serve as a centralized platform for estimation of cancer incidence and prevalence in the State.
7. After careful consideration of matter, the Government hereby mandates that all cases of cancer including in situ and invasive cancers, diagnosed or registered at any healthcare facility /labs/ Registrar of Births and deaths in the State must be reported **within one month's time** of such diagnosis or registration, through the portal in the prescribed format.
8. Accordingly, the following notification shall be published in the extraordinary issue of Telangana Gazette, dated: 06.04.2026.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Article 162 of the constitution of India read with Entry 6 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule, the Government of Telangana hereby notifies "Cancer" as a "Notifiable Disease" through out the State.

9. This notification is applicable to the following entities within Telangana:
 - i. Government (including autonomous), private and cooperative hospitals, including medical college hospitals, ESI, AIIMS, railways, industry, military hospitals and any other;

- ii. Private clinics, nursing homes and hospices providing cancer treatment/ care;
- iii. AYUSH hospitals providing cancer care;
- iv. Non-Governmental organizations, Insurance Companies (Govt/Private);
- v. Pathology and Radiology imaging laboratories;
- vi. Vital statistics department/ Registrar of Births and Deaths;
- vii. Any other Government/ private sector scheme or program collecting data on cancer cases.

10. Mechanism for reporting cancer cases:

a. The District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) shall ensure all hospitals/ institutions/ bodies/ labs (both Government and private) under his/her jurisdiction shall mandatorily report all diagnosed cases of cancer in their facility. In order to facilitate this, each facility shall maintain a designated cancer register in the prescribed proforma, to record both existing and new cases from the date of this notification. The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare shall monitor the timely submission and quality of such information submitted.

b. All hospitals empanelled under Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Scheme will be auto-registered and provided with login credentials to submit cancer case details through state online portal.

c. All other hospitals/institutions/bodies/labs mentioned in para (9) should register online for login credentials to submit cancer case details through state online portal.

d. The Mehdi Nawaz Jung Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Centre (MNJORCC), Hyderabad shall function as Centre of Excellence for cancer care in Telangana and be responsible for periodical scrutiny and validation of individual cancer case information submitted, to ensure purified data is available with the State. Additional case information, where required, shall be requisitioned from the reporting Hospitals /institutions/ bodies/ labs, under intimation to the respective District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO). The Director, Mehdi Nawaz Jung Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Centre (MNJORCC) shall ensure the regular submission of data to the National Cancer Registry maintained by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

e. All the information collected under this notification shall be treated as strictly confidential and shall be used solely for public health purposes such as surveillance, research, and policy planning. Personally identifiable information of an individual shall not be disclosed to anyone. Data shall be stored and transmitted securely.

11. The Director, Mehdi Nawaz Jung Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Centre (MNJORCC), Hyderabad and Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Telangana, Hyderabad, shall take further necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**Dr. CHRISTINA Z. CHONGTHU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary & Stores Purchase, Chanchalguda, Hyderabad.
(with a request to publish the Notification in the Telangana Gazette).

The Director, Mehdi Nawab Jung Institute of Oncology and Regional Cancer Centre, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad to communicate to all concerned.

The Director, Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, Rajiv Aarogyasri Healthcare Trust, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad.
The Director of Medical Education, Hyderabad.

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