

Government of West Bengal

Health and Family Welfare Department

Memo No. 66/Secy/H&FW

Dated 28th April, 2021


ORDER

During the 2nd wave of Covid pandemic, cases are increasing rapidly and there is an urgent requirement to increase more beds (including CCU/HDU beds) for better case management of Covid positive patients. Steps have already been taken to either start new Covid Wards at government facilities or augment beds at existing Covid Wards at government facilities. However, given the trend of rising Covid cases, there is an urgent need to further augment Covid hospitals and beds to accommodate demands for Covid beds in ensuing weeks and it is felt that existing procedures must be further simplified in this regard.

Hence, now onwards, the Principal of Medical Colleges and Chief Medical Officer of Health in districts are authorized to start new Covid Wards, hospitals and Safe Homes or add more beds to existing facilities in consultation with the respective District Magistrate. Similarly for Medical Colleges in Kolkata, new Covid Wards/enhancement of Beds can be done by respective Principals under intimation to the Swasthya Bhawan. No separate approval from the State Hq is required in this regard.

Concerned authorities in this regard send the information to Director of Medical Education/Director of Health Services and respective Branches in the Health and FW Department. Secretary and MD NHM, Dr Saumitra Mohan is the nodal officer in this regard.

This order shall take immediate effect and shall be effective for next 3(three) months.


Secretary 28/4/2021

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