

Election Urgent



GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. PT2-HFW-SCH-I-EMER-0001-2019- 11036 /H Dated, 30.04.2024

From

Shalini Pandit, IAS.
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

To

The Director, Health Services, Odisha, Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Heat wave mitigation measures for Simultaneous General Election, 2024.

Sir

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above I am to say that a review meeting was held on AMF & Heat Wave mitigation measures for Simultaneous General Election, 2024 under the chairmanship of CEO, Odisha on 09.04.2024 in the conference hall of office of the CEO. In the said meeting it has been decided to deploy one Doctor/Paramedical staff at all training venues of polling personnel in refresher training/ second round of training to orient the polling personnel on symptoms of heat-related illness and appropriate response procedure.

Further, it has been decided that one paramedical staff shall accompany the Sector Officers in their vehicles along with essential medicines. Similarly, Mobile Health Unit (MHU) shall be deployed at the level of Blocks/Cluster of GPs with One AYUSH doctor and one paramedical staff to attend on emergency call of Heat stroke to Voters/ Polling personnel. **In this context, copy of the proceeding of the aforesaid meeting is enclosed for reference.**

You are therefore requested to issue necessary instruction to all the CDM&PHOs for necessary arrangement accordingly in consultation with the District Election Officer & Collectors.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11037 /H

Dated, 30.04.2024

Copy along with enclosure forwarded to all District Election Officer & Collectors/ all CDM&PHOs for information and necessary action.

Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11038 /H

Dated, 30.04.2024

Copy along with enclosure forwarded to the MD, NHM, Odisha / DPH, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Recd 30.4.24
Joint Secretary to Government

Memo No. 11039 /H

Dated, 30.04.2024

Copy forwarded to the Chief Electoral Officer & Ex-officio Additional Chief Secretary for kind information.

Recd 30.4.24
Joint Secretary to Government

CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER, ODISHA
Home (Elections) Department



File No. EC-CON-COE-0056-2024 5496 /Elec., dated 13th April, 2024

From

Mihira Prasad Mohanty
Additional Chief Electoral Officer

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Housing & Urban Development Department
The Principal Secretary to Government, PR & DW Department
The Principal Secretary to Government, Works Department
The Principal Secretary to Government, Energy Department
The Principal Secretary to Government, Rural Development Department
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Health and Family Welfare Department
The Commissioner-Cum-Secretary to Government, School & Mass Education Department
The Commissioner-Cum-Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department
The Additional Commissioner, Relief, Odisha
Executive Director, OSDMA

Sub: Proceeding of the meeting held on 09.04.2024 at 11.30 AM on AMF and Heat Wave mitigation measures for Simultaneous General Elections, 2024.

Sir,

In inviting a kind reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the proceeding of the review meeting held on AMF and Heat Wave mitigation measures for Simultaneous General Election, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha in the conference hall of Office of CEO, Odisha on 09.04.2024 at 11.30 AM for kind information and necessary follow up action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

Mihira Prasad Mohanty
13/04/24

Additional Chief Electoral Officer

Memo No. 5497 /Elec., Dt.13/04/2024

Copy forwarded to all DEOs & Collectors for kind information and necessary action.

Mihira Prasad Mohanty
13/04/24

Additional Chief Electoral Officer

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Proceedings of the meeting on AMF and Heat wave mitigation measures for Simultaneous General Election in Odisha held under the chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha in the Conference Hall of Chief Electoral Officer, Odisha on 09.04.2024 at 11.30 AM.

The list of the participants is enclosed at Annexure-A.

At the outset, the Chairman welcomed all the participants and sensitized the members on the expected heat wave condition during the elections and measures to mitigate the heat wave during the General elections especially during the poll days and counting day in view of the reports of IMD, advisory of the Election Commission of India.

After a detailed discussion on the issues, the following decisions were taken:

- Uninterrupted power supply to be ensured on pre-poll day, poll day, pre-counting day and counting day at Dispersal/Receiving Centre, Strong Rooms, Polling Stations and Counting Centres. **(Action: Energy Department)**
- Fans as well as adequate ventilation in all the Polling Stations shall be ensured. **(Action: School & Mass Education Department / Higher Education Department/all Collectors)**
- Permanent arrangement of drinking water facility is to be ensured at all Polling Stations. To ensure the same, if necessary, digging of new Tube wells/preventive maintenance of Tube Wells can be taken up in the Polling Stations. **(Action; PR & DW Department /RD Department /Works Department)**
- AMFs shall be ensured at all the Polling Stations. **(Action: RD Department. / Works Department / School & Mass Education Department/all Collectors)**
- Repair of damaged baundry walls and broken/damaged windows/doors shall also be taken up by the respective Departments out of their available funds. **(Action: School & Mass Education Department / Rural Development Department/ Works Department/ Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department)**
- Municipal Corporations, ULBs & GPs to ensure proper functioning of "Jala Chatras" on poll day. CRUT may ply special buses for transportation of female polling personnel as per requisition of Collectors. Besides, the commercial

space in urban areas leased out in favour of the advertisement agencies may be used for display of hoardings to disseminate heatwave safety guidelines to the general public. **(Action: H & UD Department/ Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department/ All Collectors)**

- As per the instructions of ECI, a village level worker shall be deployed at each polling station location (PSL) to attend to any emergency in view of possible heat wave situation. Accordingly, proposal will be moved to ECI for grant of permission for engagement of ASHA workers at all PSL. For payment of remuneration @ ₹ 200/- and ₹ Rs.150/- towards food packets, proposal will be moved to ECI/Finance Department. **(Action: CEO office/Health & Family Welfare Department)**
- One Doctor/Paramedical staff shall be deployed at all training venues of polling personnel in refresher training/second round of training to orient the polling personnel on symptoms of heat-related illnesses and appropriate response procedures. **(Action: CEO office/Health & Family Welfare Department)**
- One para medical staff shall accompany the Sector Officers in their vehicles along with essential medicines. Similarly, Mobile Health Unit (MHU) shall be deployed at the level of Blocks/Cluster of GPs with one AYUSH doctor and one para medical staff to attend on emergency call of Heat Stroke to Voters/ Polling personnel **(Action: Health & Family Welfare Department).**
- Air ambulance facility shall be arranged through Health & Family Welfare Department, as and when required, during the general elections for emergency evacuation of polling & Police personnel injured in any incident. Dr. Umakanta Satpathy, Addl. DMET (Mobile No – 9439991170) shall be the Nodal Officer/ Contact person for the purpose **(Action: Health & Family Welfare Department).**
- All persons on election duty shall be provided cashless treatment in nearby empanelled private hospitals inside the State in case of Heat stroke. **(Action: Health & Family Welfare Department).**
- One NCC/NSS/Scout & Guide/Ranger & Rover/Youth Red Cross(YRC)/ Student Police Cadet(SPC) volunteer aged between 14 to 18 years shall be deployed in

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the Polling Station Locations to manage the voters' queue and provide assistance to PWD Voters & Senior Citizens. Remuneration @ ₹ 250/- and food packet @₹ 150/- shall be paid to them on Poll day. **(Action: School & Mass Education Department / Higher Education Department/all Collectors)**

- IEC materials(Posters/leaflets) on Heatwave awareness shall be developed by Health & Family Welfare Department and provided to CEO's office for further printing and distribution to all the DEOs & Collectors for display at the Polling Stations and other important locations. Health & Family Welfare Department & OSDMA were requested to create extensive awareness regarding the precautions to be taken by voters in the event of heatwave situation on poll day. One leaflet shall be distributed to each Household(HH) along with Voter's guide & Voter information slip(VIS). **(Action: Health & Family Welfare Department/ OSDMA/ all Collectors)**.
- *Bundles of locally available paddy straw shall be spread over the roof of the Polling stations to reduce the room temperature. (Action: All Collectors)*
- All Counting Halls were air conditioned during GE-2019 through makeshift arrangements. In SGE-2024, most Counting Halls are being set up in Government Colleges. Hence, Higher Education Department may install ACs permanently in the Counting Halls out of their Departmental Budget which would be a permanent infrastructure for concerned Higher Education Institutions. **(Action: Higher Education Department)**

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair & the participants. This issues with the approval of CEO, Odisha & ACS to Government.

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13/04/24

**Addl. Chief Electoral Officer
Odisha**