

Proceedings of the Government of Karnataka

Sub: Nomination of registered medical practitioners to Secondary Medical Board to certify withholding/withdrawing of life-sustaining treatment (WLST) in accordance with the order of the Supreme Court dated 24.01.2023, in Miscellaneous Application No. 1699 of 2019 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 215 of 2005.

Reference: Government Circular No. HFW/256/FPR/2024 dated 15.11.2024 on the same subject.

Preamble :

In accordance with the order of the Supreme Court dated 24.01.2023, in Miscellaneous Application No. 1699 of 2019 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 215 of 2005, the District Health officers of all districts in the State are required to nominate registered medical practitioners who can serve as members of the Secondary Medical Board to certify WLST where the patient is terminally ill with no hope of recovery, or is in a persistent vegetative state and where the patient no longer benefits from the life-sustaining treatment. Accordingly, the government hereby issues the following order:

**Government Order No.: HFW 256 FPR 2024,
Bengaluru, Date: 30.01.2025**

In view of preamble above, it is hereby ordered that any neurologist, neurosurgeon, surgeon, anaesthetist or intensivist who has been approved by the Appropriate Authority under sub-section (6) of section 3 of The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994 read with Amendment Act 2011 to form part of the Board of Medical Experts for the certification of brain-stem death, shall be deemed to be nominated by the District Health Officer of the district as registered medical practitioners who may serve as a member of the Secondary Medical Board.

Further, the circular mentioned at reference above is hereby withdrawn.

By the Order and in the name of
Governor of Karnataka


(Harsh Gupta)

Principal Secretary to Government,
Health and Family Welfare Department.

To:

1. The Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Services, Arogya Soudha, Bangalore.
2. The Director, Health and Family Welfare Department, Arogya Soudha, Bangalore.
3. All District Health Officers
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