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Local Self Govt (DC) Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
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Sub:- LSGD- Issue of clearance from Local Self Government Institutions to Healthcare Institutions - Insisting of clearance from the Pollution Control Board as a pre-requisite for issuing license of the Local Body to Healthcare Institutions for ensuring better Bio Medical Waste Management -Reg

Ref:- Follow up action on Recommendations of the Hon'ble Public Accounts Committee in its 146<sup>th</sup> Report.

It is the responsibility of the occupier of the healthcare institutions that are generating Biomedical waste, from institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, clinical laboratories, pathological laboratories, blood bank, etc., to obtain Authorisation from the State Pollution Control Board, as per the Biomedical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. The occupier of the healthcare institutions are also required to obtain registration/ license, as per the Kerala Municipal Act 1994 and Kerala Panchayat Raj Act, from the concerned Local Bodies.

The Hon'ble Public Accounts Committee, in the report referred above, has recommended that Local Body should ensure that healthcare institutions are established sufficient facilities for segregation, storage, conveyance, treatment and disposal of Biomedical waste in their institutions, in accordance with provisions of the Bio Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998. The Hon'ble Committee has also recommended that registration/ license of the new healthcare institutions should be issued from the Local Body only after ensuring that Authorisation from the Pollution Control Board is obtained by those healthcare Institutions, as per provision of the Biomedical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998.

Hence, all Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Grama Panchayats should ensure that registration/ license (fresh or renewal) to healthcare institutions are issued only after ensuring that the occupier of the healthcare institutions have obtained Authorisation from the Pollution Control Board, as per the provisions of Biomedical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules 1998. All Local Bodies should ensure that the above condition is complied with, while issuing fresh/renewal of licenses/ permits to all healthcare institutions.

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