

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir**  
Department of Disaster Management, Relief Rehabilitation & Reconstruction  
**(State Executive Committee)**  
Civil Secretariat, Srinagar  
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**Subject: - Instructions regarding referral of patients to Tertiary health care institutions – regarding.**

**Government Order No:70-JK(DMRRR) of 2020**

**D a t e d : 28.07.2020**

- 1) Whereas it has been observed that there is a sharp rise in the number of active COVID positive cases in Jammu and Kashmir leading to a rise in bed occupancy of COVID hospitals all across the Union Territory; and
- 2) Whereas, it has also been observed that as a result of this rise, patients who are critically ill or who require specialised care fail to get admission in Tertiary health care institutions such as SKIMS Soura, SMHS Hospital Srinagar, Chest Diseases Hospital, Srinagar, and SKIMS Medical College & Hospital Bemina in Kashmir and GMC, Jammu; CD Hospital and ASCOMS in Jammu; and
- 3) Whereas it has also been a practice that COVID positive patients are coming directly to these Category-1/ tertiary hospitals and are admitted without their having a need for treatment in such hospitals, thus causing lot of difficulty and inconvenience to the other more needy patients; and
- 4) Whereas, the Financial Commissioner, Health & Medical Education Department vide his letter No.PS/FC/H&ME/COVID-19/2020/03/sgr dated 15.07.2020 read with letter No.PS/FC/H&ME/COVID-19/2020/148 dated 23.07.2020 has issued instructions to Director, Health Services, Kashmir, as well as to the Heads of various Tertiary Care hospitals in Kashmir regarding the procedure to be followed for referral of sick patients to Category-1 Health institutions in Srinagar; and

  
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- 5) Whereas, the State Executive Committee is of the considered view that these instructions are required to be strictly complied on ground, across all districts of Jammu and Kashmir, without any relaxation.
- 6) Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 24 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and in reiteration of departmental instructions on the subject, the State Executive Committee hereby issues the following instructions for strict compliance by the concerned authorities with immediate effect: -
- a. SKIMS Soura, SMHS Hospital Srinagar, Chest Diseases Hospital, Srinagar, and SKIMS Medical College & Hospital Bemina, Srinagar, in Kashmir division and GMC, Jammu; CD Hospital, Jammu and ASCOMS (Batra), Jammu, in Jammu division shall be designated as Tertiary care-1 institutions and referred to as category-1 referral hospitals.
  - b. That all COVID positive patients with mild/moderate symptoms shall first be admitted in Category-II/III hospitals, at sub-district/district level, or any other hospital which is not a category-1 referral hospital. Such patients shall not be directly admitted to any category-1 referral hospital mentioned in para (a) above.
  - c. That patients shall be admitted and treated in Category-1 referral hospitals only if they are duly referred by a concerned district level hospital or a non-category-1 referral hospital. This will be ensured by all the Chief Medical Officers and supervised by the Deputy Commissioners concerned;
  - d. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu with the assistance of Director, Health Services, Kashmir/Jammu, shall put in place a mechanism to monitor the compliance of the above instructions at all levels;

  
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- e. Heads of the Tertiary care institutions/ category-1 referral hospitals shall not deviate from these instructions without the knowledge of Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu.
- 7) Any deviation from this order shall attract penal action under the Disaster Management Act, 2005

 — 28.7.20  
(Member – Secretary)  
State Executive Committee

**No: DMRRR/PS/Secy/551/2020**

**Dated: 28.07.2020**

**Copy to:-**

1. Financial Commissioner, Health and Medical Education Department.
2. Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
3. Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
4. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu. They are requested to serve a copy of this order to all Tertiary care institutions of Kashmir/Jammu.
5. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir/Jammu.
6. All Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir/Jammu.
7. Director, Health Services, Kashmir/Jammu.
8. All Superintendents of Police.
9. Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary.
10. Private Secretary to the secretary to Government, DMRR&R.
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