

C I R C U L A R

Sub:- H.S. Dept - Pharmacists - charge arrangements of store to
Pharmacist instructions -

Ref:- Memorandum dt. 25-7-94 of Kerala Govt. Pharmacists Assn.


Kerala Govt Pharmacists Association in their Memorandum dt.25.7.94 demanded that in PH Centres and in institutions where there are no Store Keeper the charge of the Store to be handed over to the pharmacist.

They pointed out that the Medical Officer is incharge of the store and he/she is the custodian of the store. Now the pharmacist has no responsibility in the management of stock but he/she is only maintaining records and supplying medicines to the patients. He/She does not know the actual position of stock, date of expiry of medicines etc. This will create more difficulties in the smooth functioning of the pharmacy.

The Secretary to Government had a discussion with the representatives of the said association on 18.1.94 and accepted their demand. Hereafter the pharmacist of the PHCs/CHC etc will be in charge of the Store. He will be the custodian of the Store. He will be responsible for all kinds of matters such as preparation of periodical indents, distribution of stock, receiving of stock etc.

The Medical Officer of such centres will have full control over the store. He should verify the records and conduct frequent checking of stock accounts. Physical verification should be done periodically.

The Medical Officer and the Pharmacist have equal responsibility for shortage of medicines/equipments, loss due to date expired medicines etc. and the responsibility due to any laxity will be held primarily by the pharmacist and subsequently by the Medical Officer.


For Director of Health Services.

To

All District Medical Officers.

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