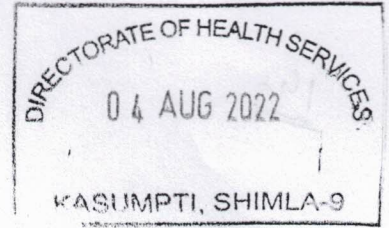


No. HFW-H(RKS)(Bio(BWM)2019--
Health & Family Welfare Department.
Himachal Pradesh .



To

1. The Special Secretary Health Himachal Pradesh Shimla-2
2. The Member Secretary, H.P State Pollution Control Board .
3. The Director, Medical Education & Research Himachal Pradesh.
4. The Director, Health Safety & Regulation Himachal Pradesh.
5. The Director, Ayurveda Department Himachal Pradesh.
6. The Director, Animal Husbandry Himachal Pradesh.
7. The Commissioner MC Shimla Himachal Pradesh.
8. The Director Urban Development, Himachal Pradesh
9. The Director, Dental Health Services, Himachal Pradesh.
10. Principal ,IGMC Shimla H.P.
11. The Principal Scientific Officer Deptt.of Environment
S&T .H.P


Subject: Regarding proceeding of 6th State Level Advisory committee
Meeting on Bio -Medical Waste Management.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the proceeding of the 6th State level
Advisory committee for the implementation of (Bio Medical Waste Handling and
Management) Rules 2016 held on 22-07-2022 at 11.00 AM in the (SHFWTC) at
Parimahal under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary Health to the Govt . of H.P .

This is for your kind information please


Yours faithfully.


Director Health Services
Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No. as above.

Dated the Shimla -9

Copy to the Principal SHFWTC Parimahal Shimla Himachal Pradesh for
information.


Director Health Services
Himachal Pradesh

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Minutes of the meeting of the State Advisory Committee under Bio-Medical Waste (Handling and Management) Rules 2016 amended 2020 held under the chairmanship of Shri Subhasish Panda, Principal Secretary (Health), Government of Himachal Pradesh, on 22/07/2021 at 11:00 AM at State Training Institute, Health and Family Welfare, Parimahal, Shimla-2.

The following officers/officials attended the meeting:

1. Shri Neeraj Sharma, Special Secretary Health Cum Director Health and Safety Regulations
2. Dr Anita Mahajan, Director Health Services, H.P
3. Dr. Harsharan Kaur, Principal SHFWTC, Parimahal, Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
4. Dr. Sunite A Ganju, State Nodal Officer BWM O/o DHS & Professor and HOD, Microbiology, SLBSGCH, Nerchowk, Mandi
5. Ms Isha Thakur, Additional Director, Director medical Education
6. Dr Neerja Gupta, Deputy Director Health Services
7. Dr Shomin Dhiman, Health Administrator, IGMC Shimla
8. Dr. DP Singh, Project Coordinator, M.C.Shimla.
9. Dr Chetan Chauhan, Corporation Health Officer
10. Dr Munish Kumar Batta, Asst. Director, Animal Husbandry, H.P
11. Dr Praveen Sharma, Scientific officer HP PCB
12. Sh Ramesh Kumar Sharma, Superintendent Grade-1 DHS
13. Ms Meena Sharma, Jr Asst Med V, H&FW O/o DHS

With the kind permission of the Chair, the meeting began with a welcome note by Dr Harsharan Kaur, Principal SHFWTC, Parimahal. Dr Anita Mahajan, Director Health Services, informed the house that this is the sixth meeting of the State Level Advisory Committee for management and handling of Biomedical waste and held as per the rules of BMW. The Chair stressed upon the need of effective implementation of the Bio Medical Waste Rules 2016 in the State of Himachal Pradesh and informed that the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal is closely monitoring the same besides being a critical health issue. The Chair also directed that all necessary steps should be taken proactively in view of the ongoing COVID -19 pandemic. All unauthorized health care facilities should resubmit the applications

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online after removal of objections since now the online application are accepted by HPPCB for authorization.

In this 6th meeting the agenda item of the fifth meeting were reconfirmed and the new agenda items were drawn from the basis of inputs given by the various stake holders and district monitoring committee BMWM, department of Health.

The Chair, Principal Secretary (Health) was informed that the agenda in last meeting was regarding the charges payable to the CBMWTFs. These rates were discussed and approved by the committee. The Government notified the charges payable to the CBMWTF for collection, transport and handling the waste in a scientific manner for all categories of HCFs for Bio Medical waste vide letter no HFW-A-A(3)2/2020 dated 26/2/2022. The notification was sent to all concerned stakeholders as well as uploaded on to the website.

Dr. Sunite A Ganju, Consultant cum State Nodal Officer Biomedical Waste Management O/o DHS, & Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology presented before the house the updated status of implementation of the Biomedical Waste Management in the state of Himachal Pradesh and progress done by the Department of Health and Family under Bio Medical Waste and all the agenda items through a presentation. A total of 2570 HCFs have been authorized out of 2810 HCFs with district Sirmaur having 96.5% authorizations. It was also informed to the house that the status of authorization is higher than the national average.

SNo	Top three performing Districts (>95%)			Rank
	District	Authorizations		
1.	Sirmaur	(198/205)	96.5%	1
2.	Bilaspur	(164/170)	96.4%	2
3.	Mandi	(420/442)	95%	3

All the Agenda items were discussed one by one and following decisions were taken.

1. Agenda item 1: Status of authorizations of Allopathic Health care facilities

The Chair reviewed the category wise authorization status with respect to applications received, authorization granted, cases under process and cases rejected. The Committee was appraised by Dr. Sunite A Ganju, the applications for authorization are to be submitted online and the offline mode has

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been discontinued now. The HPPCB has been imparting training in the districts. The Chair directed that all the CMOs should address the concerns for the cases that have been rejected and resubmit to the respective officers of the Pollution Control Board (PCB) for authorizations. Further the low performing districts with respect to authorizations should act proactively and set a deadline for authorizations especially Lahaul and Spiti. Since new institutions have been announced and some institutions have been upgraded the inventory should be tallied with the respective regional heads so that there is no mismatch. The chair was informed that all CMOs and MSs were directed to maintain a meticulous record and file Annual Reports of BMW on the due date, verified and signed by BMO's/CMO's/MSs before submission so that there is no mismatch with categorization and compilation of the Biomedical Waste generated waste. The annual report should be submitted in time.

(Action by: CMOs, MSs, Regional Laboratories PCB)

2. Agenda item 2: Status of BMWM in Hard and tribal Districts:-

Dr. Sunite A Ganju appraised the Chair in detail about the Status update of captive treatment disposal (deep burial) being adopted in the Allopathic Health Care Facilities of District Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti as there is no access of any Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBTWF) Operator to these Districts. District Kinnaur has made a remarkable improvement with 90% authorizations. However, Lahaul & Spiti has only 50% authorized HCFs. The required funds have already been disbursed to L&S for construction of deep burial pits. It was also suggested to work out a modality for lifting the Bio Medical Waste and giving directions to the CBMWTFs to lift BMW from the tribal regions

(Action by: CMO L&S and HPPCB)

3. Agenda item 3: Status of compliance of NGT order No OA 72/2020

The Committee was informed that the Hon'ble NGT passed operative orders on dated 23-04-2020 for disposal of COVID-19 waste and need to incorporate best practices in the light of further experience and new thoughts emerging from time to time with continued supervision and monitoring and compiling data in an online format. On 20-07-2020 further directions were issued for proper segregation of waste so as to lessen the burden the CBMWTF and disposal by deep burial in places where CBMWTFs not available. All the orders were strictly followed and again reviewed by the

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Hon'ble NGT and the Order (72/2020) dated 23-04-2020 was disposed on 18-01-2021 with directions for a regular review which is also being carried out.

(Action by: DHS and HPPCB)

4. Agenda item 4: COVID Waste Charges -Denotification

The committee was informed that disposal and transportation charges were fixed by the Govt. for COVID waste Notified by Govt. vide letter no HFW-A-A(3)2/2020 dated 26/9/2020 (@Rs 43 per kg for disposal and 24 per km for transportation to be paid through COVID fund and may be de notified as the Covid waste generated is less. In April 2022 it was 0.03 tons /day and in May 2022 it was 0.016 tons /day. Besides the notification was taken out during the Pandemic as there were no notified rates for the BMW to be lifted. Also it was informed to the house that the Revision 5 dated 22 June 2022, BMW guidelines for handling and management rules 2016 states "These guidelines also specify that COVID-19 biomedical waste to be treated like any other biomedical waste and should be regulated as biomedical waste as defined under Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016, as it is not category A virus as per CDC. In principle, the provisions as defined under BMW Rules, 2016 and these guidelines should be followed in management of COVID-19 biomedical waste." In view of this and for uniformity across the state for charges to be levied by the CBMWTFs the Committee approved that the charges earlier Notified by Govt. vide letter no HFW-A-A(3)2/2020 dated 26/9/2020 (@Rs 43 per kg for disposal and 24 per km for transportation to be paid through COVID fund may be denotified. However any pending bills may be claimed as per the earlier notification.

(Action by: DHS for de-notification)

5. Agenda item 5: Status of Liquid waste disinfection treatment system: The chair was informed that 340 Liquid waste disinfection treatment system units have been positioned and are functional at HCFs as reported by the CMOs. The monitoring is to be done now by the CMOs and MSs. For this the Chair directed to develop an online system of monitoring regarding the action taken by the vendors to any complaints submitted by the in charges of the health care facilities.

(Action by: DHS and CMOs, MSs)

6. **Agenda item 6: Agreement with CBMTF operators:** The committee was informed that the agreement with CBMWTFs for collection of waste handling and scientific disposal is usually for a period of one year though the validity period as approved by the HPPCB is for a period of 3-5 years and to avoid additional paper work leading to nonagreement periods in-between the agreement with CBMWTFs may be done for a period of validity. The chair directed that the Common Biomedical waste facility operators should enter into an agreement for the period of validity as approved by the HPPCB and strictly follow the rules applicable to them. The CMOs are also directed to check any coverage area gaps in BMW collection enroute transportation of BMW by the CBMWTF and non-collection of BMW within 48 hours as mandated in the BMWM handling rules, 2016, amended 2020. Any such violation by the CBMWTF should be brought to the notice of the DHS as well as HPPCB in writing.

(Action by: DHS, CBMWTF, CMOs, MSs)

7. **Agenda item 7: Induction of CBMTF operators as special invitees:** The chair directed that the CBMWTF operators are important stake holders in the management of BMW and may be inducted as special invitees in the committee.

(Action by: DHS)

8. **Agenda item 8: Training on BMWM at state level.**

The Chair desired that the trainings at the state level should be continued to bring an attitudinal change, and that Principal SHFWTC, Pari Mahal to ensure regular trainings on BMWM are held with due precautions. The house was informed that Health Department has notified the Bio Medical Waste Management Committees in all the Districts and regular meetings as well as trainings are being held.

9. **Agenda item 9: Newly announced/upgraded HCFs**

The committee was informed that new and upgraded HCFs have been announced and will be provided to HPPCB so that the entire inventory is updated. It is also desired that all construction plans for new buildings should incorporate connections for liquid waste, ETP and STP /or connections to the Municipal sewerage system.

(Action by: DHS)

10. Agenda item 10: Rational use of STPs in health care facilities

The Committee was informed that a detailed list of institutions with IPD, OPD strength, and actual Vs functional status has been provided to the HPPCB to approve the rational use of sewerage treatment plant. At present the rule states that only institutions with bed strength of 9 beds or less is exempted from STPs. Also 58 institutions have requested for exemption till they become functional. The chair directed the HPPCB to look into the matter for final approval of institutions giving temporary exemption and bedded institutions requiring STPs.

(Action by: HPPCB)

11. Award for top three performing districts: The chair was informed that three districts have been performing well and it is proposed that an award may be instituted based on 12 KPIs for the top performing districts. The chair directed to send a complete proposal for approval so that the award can be instituted

(Action by: DHS)

12. Joint Committee Visit. The chair was informed that Lahaul & Spiti was a low performing district and joint committee visit from state head quarter with HPPCB official may be conducted to expedite authorization. The Chair approved and accordingly a committee may be notified and a visit conducted.

(Action by: DHS, HPPCB)

13. Budget provision for Director Medical Education: Ms Isha Thakur, Additional Director, Director medical Education informed that there is urgent requirement of budget for the medical colleges for lifting the BMW. The chair directed them to put up a consolidated budget proposal and follow it with the finance department.

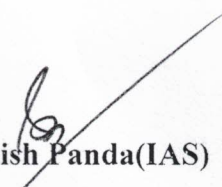
(Action by: DMER)

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14. **Authorisation status by allied departments:** The status of authorization was presented by other departments. The chair directed to expedite authorizations and follow the BMW rules.

The Chair in his concluding remarks appreciated the work by the department of Health and Family welfare and desired that the Bio Medical Rules, 2016, amended Rules, 2018,2020 should be followed in letter and spirit and focus on the unauthorized HCFs The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to/from the Chair.


Sh. Subhasish Panda(IAS)
Pr Secretary (Health), Government of H.P
Cum- Chairman State Advisory Committee BMW -2016