



CIRCULAR

Sub: Courts and Judges – Medical Reimbursement – Delegation of powers to the Principal District Judges of the Districts / Head of Units to sanction the medical reimbursement claim of serving and retired Judicial Officers up to Rs.1,00,000/- – Further Instruction issued – Regarding.

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It is brought to the notice of the Hon'ble High Court that there is no uniformity in dealing with the Medical Reimbursement Claims by the District Judiciary, and that, the term 'Heads of the Unit' has been widely misconstrued. The Additional District Judges/District Judges presiding over the Special Sessions Courts and the Chief Judicial Magistrates are acting as Sanctioning Authorities in claiming Medical Reimbursement of the serving/retired Judicial Officers of the respective District.

In this connection, attention of all concerned is drawn to the G.O.(MS) No.985, Home (Cts.IA) Department, dated 16.10.2006, wherein the Government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned medical reimbursement to the Judicial Officers as per the Shetty Commission Recommendations. In the said G.O., the Principal District Judges of the Districts/Head of the Units alone are referred as "sanctioning authority". The relevant portion is as under,

*"Powers are delegated to the Principal District Judges of the Districts/Head of the Units to sanction the reimbursement of the expenses*

*incurred by the Judicial Officers working in his District for the Medical Attendance and treatment obtained by them and their family members."*

The said G.O. was amended by G.O.(Ms) No.542, Home (Court.1) Department, dated 08.07.2009 by fixing ceiling limits for sanction of medical reimbursement, in which the **Principal District Judges** were authorized to sanction upto Rs.50,000/-. The said ceiling limits were enhanced by issuing G.O.(Ms).No.418, Home (Courts-I) Department, dated 06.10.2021, wherein the **Principal District Judges** were authorised to sanction medical claim upto Rs.1 lakh. Thus, the Principal District Judges alone are authorised as "sanctioning authority" for sanctioning medical reimbursement claims upto Rs.1 lakh.

In view of the above, as ordered, for the sake of clarity and to maintain uniformity, it is informed that for claiming medical reimbursement,

(a) The **Principal District Judge** alone is the sanctioning authority in the District concerned.

(b) The **District Judge/District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate**, who is discharging the duties of the Principal District Judge, alone can act as Sanctioning Authority in those Districts, where designated Principal District Judges are not available.

(c) For the City Units,

(i) the **Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai**, (for the Judicial Officers functioning in Chennai District and for the retired Judicial Officers if they are permanently settled in Chennai except the Judicial Officers functioning in Court of Small Causes, Chennai).

(ii) the **Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai**, (for the Judicial Officers functioning in the Court of Small Causes, Chennai).

respectively alone can act as Sanctioning Authorities.

This circular shall be brought to the notice of all Judicial Officers by the Principal District Judges/District Judges/District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate/Head of Units concerned.

All the Judicial Officers are hereby directed to strictly adhere to the above instructions.

The receipt of this circular is to be acknowledged at once.

HIGH COURT, MADRAS  
DATED: 26.09.2023

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REGISTRAR GENERAL

**To:**

1. All the Hon'ble Judges, High Court, Madras (For information).
2. All the Registrars of Madras High Court and Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.
3. All the Principal District Judges / District Judges/District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate).
4. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai (required to circulate to all the Judicial Officers (Courts / Tribunals) functioning in Chennai District).
5. The Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai.
6. The Administrator General and Official Trustee,  
Office of the Administrator General and Official Trustee, Chennai.
7. The Presiding Officer, Principal Labour Court, Chennai.
8. The Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Chennai.
9. The Special Judge, Special Court under EC & NDPS Act Cases, Chennai.
10. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
11. The Chairman, Taxation Appeal Tribunal, Corporation of Chennai.
12. The Director, Tamil Nadu State Judicial Academy, Chennai-28.



13. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal, Chennai.
14. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu State Transport Appellate Tribunal, Chennai.
15. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Waqf Tribunal, Chennai.
16. The Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Legal Services Authority, Chennai.
17. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
18. All the Chief Judicial Magistrates.
19. The Pay and Accounts Officer, Pay and Accounts Office, High Court campus, Madras.
20. The Sub Pay and Accounts Officer, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai – 23.
21. The Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts, Commissionerate of Treasuries and Accounts, No.571, Amma Complex, Nandanam, Chennai-35. (with request to communicate this circular to all Treasuries under his control).
22. The Record Keeper, A.D. Records, High Court, Madras / Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

(Sl. No.3 to 18 - with request to communicate this circular to all the Judicial Officers under your control).

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1. The Section Officers, 'B' and 'J', High Court, Madras.
2. The Section Officers, 'B', 'C', and 'J', Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai.
3. The Record Keeper, AD Records, High Court, Madras & Madurai Bench of Madras High Court at Madurai.

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