



## **Abstract**

Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department – Social Defence – Constitution of District Level Task Force for providing intervention programmes to care and protection of children affected and infected by COVID 19 as well as children of COVID infected/affected parents – Orders issued.

### **Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme [SW8(1)] Department**

**G.O.(Ms) No.20**

**Dated 19.05.2021**

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**Read:**

From the Commissioner of Social Defence, Letter No.6020/D1/2021,  
dated 11.05.2021

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### **ORDER:-**

The Commissioner of Social Defence in his letter read above has informed that an unprecedented and unexpected wide spread and rise in COVID 19 cases during the second wave had devastated the life of citizens and many had lost their life. The impact of COVID 19 especially affecting children is a serious concern. Since the Government of Tamil Nadu is having greater concern over the care and protection of children in the State had already made a wide publicity among general public on the assistance available to children during the COVID pandemic through the District Child Protection Units. He has also stated that the children of the following categories require immediate intervention in order to protect them appropriately:-

1. Care and protection of children who had lost their parents due to COVID 19
2. Children requiring care and protection while single or both the parents undergoing treatment especially when there is no guardian or relative to take care
3. Psychological and counselling support to children affected due to COVID 19
4. Timely referral of children infected with COVID 19 to treatment centres

2. The Commissioner of Social Defence has suggested that in order to understand the impact of COVID 19 on children at the District Level and to have immediate and effective service delivery, the Government may constitute a District Level Task Force and sent necessary proposal in this regard.

3. After careful examination, the Government accept the proposal of the Commissioner of Social Defence and hereby constitute the District Level Task Force for providing intervention programmes to care and protection of children affected and infected by COVID 19 as well as children of COVID 19 infected/affected parents with the following composition:-

1.	District Collector	-	Chairperson
2.	District Child Protection Officer	-	Member Secretary
3.	Joint Director of Medical and Rural Health Services	-	Member
4.	Additional Superintendent of Police (Crime against women and children)	-	Member
5.	District Social Welfare Officer	-	Member
6.	A Chairperson or in his absence any Member from the Child Welfare Committee	-	Member
7.	An NGO running a Child Care Institution nominated by the District Collector	-	Member

4. The duties and responsibilities of the District Level Task Force are as follows:-

1. To check the details of all adult who have died due to COVID 19 and find out any children become orphan or children in need of care and protection and produce such children before the Child Welfare Committee which will decide their rehabilitation such as adoption, foster care, sponsorship etc., and institutionalization as the last resort as per the provision of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
2. Placing of children in temporary shelters while parents are undergoing treatment and children are left without relative or guardian to take necessary care.
3. Psychological and counselling support to children infected / affected due to COVID 19 as well as children of COVID infected / affected parents.
4. Timely referral of children infected with COVID 19 to treatment centres and ensuring nutritional support during post treatment period.
5. Identifying and designating one registered child care institution in each district and making arrangement to make such institution as COVID care centre exclusively for children.

5. The District Level Task Force shall meet every week and as and when required for providing intervention programmes to care and protection of children affected and infected by COVID 19. The District Collector shall be responsible for

convening the meeting of the District Level Task Force and shall submit a report once in 15 days on the status of children who had been infected and affected due to COVID-19 and the details of action taken for providing intervention programmes to these children to the Commissioner of Social Defence for further follow up.

(By Order of the Governor)

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All District Collectors (through the Commissioner of  
Social Defence, Chennai-10)  
All District Superintendents of Police  
All District Child Protection Officers  
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