



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Disaster Management Department - Landslide in Meppadi Panchayath, Wayanad District on 30.7.2024- Standard Operating Procedure for collection of samples for DNA Matching- orders issued

DISASTER MANAGEMENT(A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.572/2024/DMD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 03-08-2024

Read 1. GO (Rt) No. 566/2024/DMD dated 2.8.2024.

2. GO (Rt) No. 567/2024/DMD dated 2.8.2024.

3 Letter No. MTO VII/978/2024/SDMA-KSDMA dated
3.8.2024.

ORDER

Meppadi Panchayat, Kottapadi Village, Vellarmala Village and Thrikaipetta Village of Vythiri Taluk of Wayanad district were impacted by a devastating landslide on 30-7-2024. As per Government Orders read above, instructions have been issued regarding the collection of samples as part of the disposal of dead body/body parts. It is necessary to issue a Standard Operating Procedure for the collection of samples for DNA Matching. The Member Secretary, KSDMA has submitted the proposal for the same as per letter read as 3rd paper above.

In the circumstance, in continuation of the GOs read above the following Standard Operating Procedure is ordered for the collection of samples for DNA matching:

SOP for collection of samples for DNA Matching

1) Samples may be taken from the following categories of people:-

1. People who have given missing person information about their relatives

2. People who have given contesting claims with respect to a dead body.

3. Cases where the relatives have doubts regarding identity of the dead body/body parts.

4. Any other case where the District Administration deems it necessary for identification.

2) Samples may be taken with informed consent only. Necessary consent details may be retained.

3) The District Administration shall make necessary arrangements for sample collection at suitable places.

4) The Health Department shall collect suitable samples from the relatives. The Doctors may decide the person of relevant relationship from whom the sample is to be taken. The suggested order of preference is Father, Mother, Sibling, Son /Daughter.

5) It shall be the responsibility of the police to collect these samples from the District Administration and to preserve DNA samples of dead body/body parts and send them to the FSL designated by the Health and Police Departments with the matching facility.

6) It shall be the responsibility of the Police Department to decide upon the claims, missing person reports, etc based on the information available with them including the matching of the DNA samples and inform the District Administration immediately.

7) Necessary arrangements for the storage of samples shall be made by the Health Department.

8) Records of all proceedings shall be scrupulously maintained by all concerned authorities.

(By order of the Governor)

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Forwarded /By order

Section Officer

