

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PUNJAB GOVERNANCE REFORMS COMMISSION

S.N	Recommendation	View of Department	What is to be done	Present Status	Time Frame
1	REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS				
1.1	Notifier - At present Village Chowkidar notifies birth and death to the Local Registrar. The Commission has suggested that ASHA Workers should be declared as notifier.	Good suggestion. State Government would implement it.	The notification under section 10(1)(iii) to be issued declaring the ASHA Workers as notifiers in addition to Village Chowkidar. Would require cabinet approval	Case moved.	2 Months (by 15/5/2010)
1.2	Local Registrar - Originally SHO was the Local Registrar but w.e.f. 01/01/2004 Panchayat Secretary was declared as Local Registrar within the jurisdiction of village Gram Panchayat. The Commission has suggested that ANM may be declared as Local Registrar.	Very good suggestion. State Government would implement it.	Notification under section 7(1) is to be issued declaring ANMs as Local Registrars. Would require cabinet approval.	Case moved.	2 Months (by 15/5/2010)
1.3	Delayed registration - within one year - At present the Local Registrar with the permission of District Registrar and after receipt of an affidavit and late fees can register birth & death beyond 30 days but within one year. The Commission has suggested that ANM (new Local Registrar) should be authorized to make registrations after taking the approval from the Senior Medical Officer of PHC (in place of District Registrar who is Civil Surgeon).	Very good suggestion. State Government would implement it.	Under Section 6 of the Registration of Birth & Death Act, the State Government can declare Senior Medical Officers as Additional District Registrars and thereafter the District Registrars can delegate these powers of giving approval for delayed registration to these SMOs / (Additional District Registrars.)	Case moved.	2 Months (by 15/5/2010)

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1.4	Delayed registration - after one year - At present the District Registrar (Civil Surgeon) can register such birth & deaths after obtaining an order from the SDM. The Commission has suggested that for registration within 10 years, there is little possibility of misuse and therefore for such cases the process adopted for registration within one year should be adopted.	Good suggestion but the case false within purview of Central Government.	Under Section 13(3) prescribe the procedure. Central Government is competent to amend this Section. We will move the case but it may be difficult to get the Act amended.	Case being moved to the Government of India.	Difficult to give time-line.
1.5	Entry of names in time barred cases - At present, the name of the child can be entered by Local Registrar within one year and by the District Registrar after one year but before 15 years with late fees. The Commission has suggested that the entry of names should be permitted without any limitation.	The suggestion is an order but section 14 prescribes a time limit and the State Government is free to fix the time limit.	In rule 10, the State Government has fixed the time limit of 15 years. This has been done on the basis of Model Rules circulated by the Government of India, but State Government is empowered to amend the rules. State Government would allow entry of names with late fees upto the year 2020 and thereafter 15 years limitation would come into effect. The rules can be amended with the approval of Centre Government and therefore the case will have to be moved to the Government of India.	The case is being moved to Government of India. The State Government vide its letter no SBHI(MED) Pb.-09/2796 dated 29/4/09 had requested for a window period of 2 years but that proposal has not matured.	The matter pertains to Government of India and therefore it will not be possible to give the time-line.

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1.6	Digitization of record - The commission has suggested 3 points: -				
(i)	Digitization should be delinked from the e-governance project.	The suggestion regarding delinking is an order and has been accepted by the department.	To design a software and recruit the people.	Punjab Engineering College has given a software Package which is under trial / testing and will be finalized in another 2 weeks time. Computers are being purchased and two Data Entry Operators for every district are being appointed. They would digitize the current record i.e. for the year 2009.	15/05/10 for starting the work of digitization of current record by the department itself.
(ii)	Suwidha Centres be authorized to digitize the records.	The suggestion has not been accepted at present. To begin with the department of Health & Family Welfare would digitize the record.	To outsource the work of digitization of previous records.	We have made a budget provision under NRHM for outsourcing the digitization of previous record. The work would be allotted soon.	31.05.10 for starting the work of digitization of previous record.
(iii)	To declare the incharge of Suwidha Centres as Additional Registrar for the purpose of maintenance of digitized record and issuance of copies.	The suggestion has not been accepted by the department for the time being. At present the Health department authorities would continue to be District Registrars / Additional District Registrars. Once the record is digitized, this recommendation	—	—	—

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1.7	Fees - The Commission has suggested that no fees should be charged upto one year and the notional liability should be carried by the State Government	At present, the following fees are charged upto one year. Delayed registration upto 30 days - Rs. 2/- by Local Registrar; Delayed registration upto one year with the permission of District Registrar - late fees of Rs. 5/-; Delayed entry of name within one year - Rs. 5/- Search for single entry in the office of Local Registrar - Rs. 2/- Giving a copy of birth & death by Local Registrar - Rs. 5/- The suggestion can be accepted.	Rules have to be amended for which State Government is competent but with the approval of Government of India.	Case will be moved.	Difficult to give time line.
2	EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM				
2.1	The department should place a network of ambulances and a central control facility in place.	We have already initiated the exercise.	EOI - 4 invitee and 5 parties has been shortlisted. REP is being issued to the parties and work will be allotted by 10/4/10. The vehicles should start arriving from the month of June 2010. Initially 90 ambulances would be deployed and thereafter another 150 vehicles would be added. Finally the State would have 250 vehicles.		10.4.10 - for allotment of work. 30.6.10 - receipt of vehicles.