

Subject- Issues regarding Mental Hospital, Amritsar - 22/6/2010

A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare in regard to the subject cited above at 12:00 PM on 22-6-2010. The meeting was attended by Managing Director, Punjab Health System Corporation, Dr BL Goel, Director Institute of Mental Health, Amritsar and Dr Gagandeep Grover, Incharge Mental Health Programme, DHS Office.

The following decisions were taken-

1. **Senior Residents-** There are 10 posts, but no post is filled up because the present remuneration is only Rs 21,000/- per month which is inadequate. MD PHSC would move a case for enhancement of remuneration to Rs 40,000/- per month. The Health Department would seek the approval of Finance Department and in the meantime 3 - 4 critical posts of Senior Residents would be allowed to be filled up (**MD PHSC**).
2. **Clinical Psychologist-** There are 4 posts but no post is filled up. MD PHSC would move a case for enhancement of remuneration to Rs 30,000/- per month. In the meantime 1 - 2 critical posts would be allowed to be filled up (**MD PHSC**).
3. **Staff Nurses-** Present pay is only Rs 5,000/- per month which was allowed long back in the year 2001. DHS has recently made recruitment of nurses on contract basis on a monthly remuneration of Rs 7,500/- per month. MD PHSC would move the case accordingly.
4. **Bio Chemist-** The case for enhancement of remuneration to Rs 15,000/- per month would be moved by MD PHSC to Government and approval of Finance Department would be obtained (**MD PHSC**).
5. **Computer Operators-** It was reported by Dr BL Goel that there was an anomaly. The recruitment was made through a single advertisement and some of the Computer Operators who were adjusted in PHSC hospitals were given higher remuneration as against the Computer Operators who were deputed in the Mental Hospital. MD PHSC would issue a letter regarding equalization of monthly remuneration (**MD PHSC**).
6. **Tele Medicine Facility for Psychiatry Consultants-** Dr BL Goel requested that the Mental Hospital at Amrtisar can be linked with all Headquarters for providing Psychiatry Consultation through Tele Medicine Facility. MD PHSC to work out a proposal.

7. **Northern Region Review Meeting on Mental Health-** The meeting was held at Agra on 9-4-2010. The Minutes of the meeting are enclosed herewith. MD PHSC and Programme Officer of Mental Hospital in the office of DHS may kindly take up immediate action particularly-

- a. Psychiatrist Training for MBBS Students.
- b. In service training to MBBS doctors.
- c. Filling up all vacant posts of Psychiatrist.

Concerned officers to take immediate action and the same would be reviewed after 15 days.

(Satish Chandra)
Principal Secretary H&FW
23-6-2010

1. MD PHSC
2. DHS