

Medical Board for Mentally Retarded Persons of West Bengal

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Health & Family Welfare Department
'Swasthya Bhawan' GN – 29, Sector – V
Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 700091.

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MEMORANDUM

It has been felt necessary that a Medical Board for mentally retarded persons should be constituted in every District of the State to facilitate the assessment of mentally retarded persons quickly and effectively as it has been found that 6 (six) Zonal Medical Boards for mentally retarded persons working in the State have been found to be inadequate and difficulties are being faced by the people of different Districts to attend such Zonal Medical Boards.

2. At present there is a Medical Board for Physically disabled Persons in every district. The said Board consists of the following members:

- i) Superintendent of the Hospital – Chairman
- ii) One Orthopaedic Surgeon/ Surgeon (In his absence) – Member
- iii) One E.N.T. Specialist – Member
- iv) One Psychiatrist/ Physician (In his absence) – Member
- v) One Ophthalmic Surgeon – Member

3. In Partial Modification of the G.O. No. H/GA/4339/W-11/891 dated 05.10.1989, the Governor is hereby pleased to order that the said Mental Board will function as the District Mental Board for mentally retarded persons by inclusion of a Clinical Psychologist in the said Board as a member of the Board as stated above, should continue to work in the Board as usual. A Clinical Psychologist should be coopted from Private Sectors/NGOs.

4. With the formation of District Mental Boards at the District Hospitals as Prescribed above, the Zonal Mental Boards attached to the following Medical Colleges, viz:

- i) Bankura Sammilani Medical College & Hospital, Bankura
- ii) Burdwan Medical College & Hospital, Burdwan
- iii) North Bengal Medical College & Hospital, Darjeeling
- iv) Kolkata Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata
- v) R. G. Kar Medical College 86 Hospital, Kolkata
- vi) N. R. S, Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata

Sl. No.	Name of Medical College & Hospital	District
1.	Bankura Sammilani Medical College & Hospital	Bankura only
2.	Burdwan Medical College & Hospital	Burdwan only

Sl. No.	Name of Medical College & Hospital	District
3.	North Bengal Medical College & Hospital	Darjeeling only

In Kolkata

Sl. No.	Name of Medical College & Hospital	No. of Wards of Kolkata allocated to the Hospital	Total
1.	R. G. Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata	1 to 35	35
2.	Medical College & Hospital	36 to 71 except 55 and 59 Ward	34
3.	N. R. S. Medical College & Hospital	72 to 106 Wards + Ward No. 55	36
4.	Calcutta National Medical College & Hospital	107 to 141+ Ward No. 59	36
	Total		141

The formation of Zonal Boards will remain the same as was communicated under G. O. No. HF /O/PHP/622/6M-16/2001.

The District Boards of Mentally Retarded Patients excepting the Districts of Bankura, Burdwan and Darjeeling be constituted immediately. The mode of its functioning will be similar to the procedure prescribed for the Boards for Physically Handicapped Persons as communicated in the G. O. No. H/G/4339/W-11/891 dated 05.10.89 and subsequent orders. The District Mental Boards should meet once in a fortnight without fail.

The order will take with immediate effect.

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Principal Secretary