## Government of West Bengal

## Health and Family Welfare Department

Memo No. 188-Secy(H&FW)/20

Dated 23/06/2020

## **ORDER**

Whereas COVID-1 has been declared as global pandemic and The WEST BENGAL EPIDEMIC DISEASE, COVID-19 REGULATIONS,2020 has been in force since  $16^{\rm th}$  March,2020;

Whereas advisory has been issued for the private hospitals on 35-Secy(SB)/20 dated 07/03/2020 regarding the hospital preparedness for dealing with the COVID 19 patients.

However, in spite of these guidelines issued by Health & Family Welfare Department, GoWB, there have been instances of denial of admission & services by the private hospitals and patients suffer due to this lackadaisical attitude of these hospitals.

Hence, it is once again reiterated that denial of admission & services is an offence under THE WEST BENGAL CLINICAL ESTABLISHMENTS (REGISTRATION, REGULATION AND TRANSPARENCY) ACT, 2017 and The West Bengal Clinical Establishments (Registration, Regulation and Transparency) Rules, 2017.

And, it is further informed that if any report of denial of admission/services is received against any such private hospital by Health & Family Welfare Department, necessary penal steps including suspension of licence will be initiated against the aforesaid hospital.

Let all concerned be informed accordingly.

23/06/2020 Secretary