

**THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ANATOMY RULES, 1966 MEDICAL AND PUBLIC
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
NOTIFICATION**

Shimla-4, the 29th July, 1966

No. 2-43/65-Med. II. (I).- In exercise of the powers vested in him vide section 10 of the Himachal Pradesh Anatomy Act, 1966 (Act No. 4 of 1966), the Administrator (Lieutenant Governor) is pleased to make the following rules:-

1. These rules may be called the Himachal Pradesh Anatomy Rules, 1966.
2. In these rules, "the Act" means the Himachal Pradesh Anatomy Act, 1966 (Act No. 4 of 1966).
3. (1) All officers and servants of Police, Medical and Public Health Department, all officers and servants in the service of the local authority and all village officers and servants who come to know of the death of any person in any public place in an area in which he had no permanent place of residence, shall report the fact to the authorised officer with the least practicable delay.

(2) ¹[Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the responsibility for immediately reporting the fact to the authorised officer shall be that of the officer-in-charge of the Police Station having jurisdiction of the area and the village headman of the area concerned. The In-charge of the Police Station concerned shall be responsible for arranging immediate removal of the dead bodies to the hospital for preservation from decay.]

(a) If any such person dies in hospital or in prison the authority in charge of such hospital or prison shall immediately report the fact to the nearest relative mentioned in the records of the patient or prisoner. If the said relative does not claim the body within 24 hours, in case where the relative is a resident out side the district, the dead body shall be disposed off in the manner laid down in section 5 of the Act.

(b) Pending receipt of the claim, if any, in pursuance of clause (a) of this sub-rule, the dead body shall be removed to the mortuary of the hospital or the teaching medical institution, as the case may be, for preservation from decay.

(c) If such body is not claimed within the period specified in clause (a) of this sub-rule the authorised officer shall proceed to dispose off the body in the manner laid down in section 5 of the Act.

4. The authorised officer for the purpose of deciding any doubt or dispute whether a person is or is not a near relative of the deceased for the purpose of section 3 of the Act shall hold a summary enquiry into the matter. Such officer need not record the oral evidence of witness but shall maintain a memorandum of evidence and a gist of the representation in the case on the basis of which he arrives at a decision.

5. Dead bodies which are received in the hospital under rule 3 of these rules shall be kept temporarily in the cold storage or mortuary, if available, until these are removed to the Anatomy Department. In the Anatomy Department they shall be washed and preserved by means of formal in or glycerine solution. Dead bodies which are not required for immediate use, shall be kept in a tank containing preservation solution or in the cold storage, if available.

6. Nothing contained in these rules shall apply to cases where death has taken place under suspicious circumstances and the body is subject to medico-legal examination. In such cases if the police have not taken possession of it themselves, the body shall be handed over to the police. -----

(R. H. P. dated the 7th December, 1968 P. 585)

1. Subs for the original provision by Not. No. 2-98/68-Med. II, dated the 24th June, 1969, published in R. H. P. dated 5-7-1966 at p. 536.