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Ministry of Home Affairs
National Disaster Management Authority

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Dear

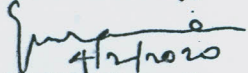
You are aware of the novel Coronavirus (nCoV) outbreak in Wuhan city of China. Attention is also invited towards Ministry of Health and Family Welfare DO letter No.Z.28015/01/2020-EMR dated 17th January, 2020. It may please be recalled that NDMA has issued guidelines on the Management of Biological Disasters and National Disaster Management Plan 2019. There are also provisions under National Disaster Management Plan 2019 to deal with Biological and Public Health Emergencies.

2. While you are aware of the regular meetings being taken by the Cabinet Secretary and the decisions taken by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare through regular Video Conferences, I am summarizing the important action points which need to be taken up by relevant agencies :-

- (i) All States/UTs must start sensitization trainings for first responders especially on basics of dealing with a biological emergency (involving all major first response stakeholders).
- (ii) Extensive coverage on social media and print and electronic media on do's and don'ts issued by MoHFW on social media/PIB/MoHFW website and also ensure translation/dissemination in local languages.
- (iii) Conduct joint review meeting on situational awareness.
- (iv) Promote advisories on travel, hygiene, avoiding crowd contact, quarantine of people arriving from countries notified by MoHFW, use of personal protective equipment (masks, hand sanitizers usage); isolation of patients.
- (v) Sending of specialized directives on need basis on targeted capacity building for healthcare workers, CISF, NDRF, Airlines, Airports, Seaports, Land ports and other relevant stakeholders.
- (vi) Identify and enhance capacities of isolation facilities in all districts.
- (vii) Avoid spread of fake news, advisories, rumors and unnecessary information through proper media management.
- (viii) Associate concerned officials of State Disaster Management Authorities and the DDMA/District Collectors for coordinating and close monitoring of the situation with particular reference to the persons who may be under 'home quarantine' after returning from China.

3. In view of above, all States/UTs are requested to take appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,


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To All Chief Secretaries of States/UTs

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