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MESSAGE

Subject: COVID-19 Health Service Provider Toolkit for Designated Hospitals and General Health Facilities

As you are aware, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic is affecting most of the countries and territories on six continents, infecting close to 300,000 people and killing more than 10,000 worldwide. India, too is dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak with more than 400 infected cases reported from 23 states/union territories. The numbers are still growing.

2. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India, is taking all possible measures to prevent, detect and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 across the country. We are fully committed to strengthening the response of our health system in the wake of this Pandemic to protect our public. At the same time, we are equally committed to ensuring the well-being of our Health Workers who are playing a significant role in tackling this outbreak. Equipping healthcare workers and facilities with evidence-based materials, resources, protection guidelines and tools required to work safely and effectively is of utmost priority, in realizing our collective goal of COVID-19 containment and management in India.

3. As a part of this commitment, a **Health Service Provider Toolkit for Designated Hospitals and General Health Facilities** has been developed which aims to assist the healthcare staff in preventing the potential spread of the virus within the healthcare facilities. This toolkit makes available all necessary information on preventive and protective measures in one place to maximize occupational safety and minimize health risks of our healthcare staff so as to help them better serve the community.

4. This toolkit contains a series of instruction materials based on COVID-19 guidance issued by MoHFW and WHO on Infection Prevention and Control in healthcare facilities. These materials are in the form of leaflets and posters, which can be placed in healthcare facilities. The material also contains detailed guidance on the use of instruction materials and can also be adapted in local languages. With this toolkit, I am sure your health staff will be able to strictly adhere to the guidance for treatment and containment of COVID-19.

5. At the end, I would request you to continue leading this fight against COVID-19 from the front. Let us resolve to leave no stone unturned to deal with this pandemic. Let us stay united and resolute in protecting our country.

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