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March 24, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary

Kindly refer to my previous letters regarding the urgent measures to be taken by all the States for containing the spread of COVID-19. While appreciating the proactive steps taken by the States in this regard, I would like to highlight that there has been an increasing trend in cases being reported. You would all agree that at this juncture we need to further enhance our efforts in respect of surveillance and contact tracing of positive cases, in order to break the chain of transmission.

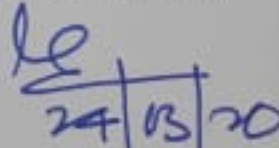
2. I would therefore, request you to suitably supplement your State and District Surveillance Teams as well as the Rapid Response Teams. It is absolutely essential that surveillance and contact tracing of all positive cases is taken up and no suspected or high risk person is left out. It is important that while these tasks are being monitored at the State level by the State Health Secretaries, this activity is directly and regularly monitored at the district level by the District Magistrates, involving the official machinery available in the district.

3. I would also like to reiterate that as discussed during the Video Conference on March 22, 2020, all States should immediately identify and earmark hospitals dedicated for management of COVID-19 cases and ensure that they are in a state of full readiness to deal with the situation, in the event of a further spike in number of confirmed cases.

4. I would request you to personally review the action in respect of surveillance and contact tracing measures as well as identification and preparation of dedicated hospitals. The details in this regard may kindly be uploaded on the Health Online Portal of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

with regards

Yours sincerely,

  
24/03/20  
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As per list attached