Government of India (भारत सरकार)
Ministry of Railways (रेल मंत्रालय)
Railway Board (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 2021/H-1/7/1 **New Delhi, Dated 22 .04.2021.**

The General Managers
All Indian Railways, Including PUs, DG/ RDSO.

Sub:- Emphasis on COVID-19 pandemic related activities.

Ref:- Secretary MoH&FW DO No. 7(23)/2020-NHM-1 dated 20.04.2021.

In reference to above, it is stated that the country is facing a second surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. The current COVID-19 situation in India is worrisome, with active cases rapidly increasing and large number of new cases being reported daily.

In view of the rising hospitalization needs, the existing bed capacity needs to be significantly ramped up. The option of setting up temporary **COVID Care facilities and makeshift hospitals** within the campus of existing hospitals or elsewhere as is currently being done by DRDO and CISR.

It is further suggested by MoH&FW that the Central Ministries/Departments and PSUs may consider using their CSR funds to facilitate setting up makeshift hospitals and temporary COVID care facilities in consultation with States.

Further, many Departments/PSUs may have vacant building at their disposal. These building can be converted to temporary COVID Care facilities with either isolation beds or a combination of isolation &oxygen beds to cater to the rapidly increasing COVID caseload in many parts of the country, some of which may also lie in their catchment areas.

Further, quarantine /isolation facilities were created last year in other than hospital building should be strengthened and utilized as covid care centres. To strengthen human resources requirement help of volunteers from other departments, Red Cross ,Scouts and Guides and st.Johns brigade should be taken.

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RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS
SECRETARY

D.O. No. 7(23)/2020-NHM-I
20th April, 2021

Dear Colleague,

My previous letter of even no. dated 16th April 2021 (copy enclosed) regarding earmarking of dedicated hospitals/blocks for COVID19 case management by Central Ministries/Departments/PSUs may kindly be referred to.

2. The current COVID19 situation in India is worrisome, with active cases rapidly increasing and a large number of new cases being reported daily. In view of the rising hospitalization needs, the exiting bed capacity need to be significantly ramped up. The Centre acknowledges and appreciates the contribution of various Ministries/Departments/PSUs in dedicating COVID Hospitals and COVID beds.

In this regard, a meeting was held by this Ministry on 19th April 2021 to review the progress in made by concerned Ministries/Departments/PSUs.

3. One of the salient points that emerged from the discussions in this meeting was the option of setting up temporary **COVID Care facilities and makeshift hospitals** within the campus of existing hospitals or elsewhere as is currently being done by DRDO and CISR.

4. The Central Ministries/Departments and PSUs may consider using their CSR funds to facilitate setting up makeshift hospitals and temporary COVID care facilities in consultation with States.

5. Further, many Departments/PSUs, may have vacant buildings at their disposal. These buildings can be converted to temporary COVID Care facilities with either isolation beds or a combination of isolation & oxygen beds to cater to the rapidly increasing COVID caseload in many parts of the country, some of which may also lie in their catchment areas.

6. I would like to reiterate that the current situation calls for all of us to join our forces in combating this pandemic. As always, your prompt and targeted efforts to amplify national COVID19 response are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Encl : as above

(Rajesh Bhushan)

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