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

No. 2021/H-1/7/1 **New Delhi, Dated 19 .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 16.04.2021.

In reference to above, it is stated that the country is facing a second surge of the COVID-19 pandemic. The need of the hour is to prioritize and systematize all over combined efforts towards effective management and insure availability of sufficient health care infrastructure in the Railway to meet the increased demand for providing proper care & treatment to COVID-19 patients.

In this regard you should issue instructions to the hospitals under the control of your departments to set-up exclusive dedicated hospitals or separate blocks within the hospitals (both for OPD as well as IPD care) for Covid Care, as done last year. These Hospitals/ Blocks should have separate entry and exit points for the management of COVID-19 cases, to provide treatment services including specialized care for the confirmed COVID-19 cases. These dedicated Hospitals or Blocks have to be equipped to provide all supportive and ancillary services including Oxygen supported beds, ICU beds, Ventilators and specialized Critical Care Units (wherever available), Laboratory services, Imaging services, Kitchen, Laundry etc. along with dedicated Health Work-Force.

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Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O. No. 7(23)/2020-NHM-I
16th April, 2021

Dear Colleague,

As you are aware, the country is facing a second surge of the COVID-19 pandemic currently. In order to strengthen the efforts of States/UTs to effectively prepare their health systems to manage this pandemic, the Government of India is following Comprehensive response with a 'Whole of Government' approach. As part of this response, several ministries of the Government of India and the Empowered Groups are working in tandem to manage the situation effectively and to provide all required support to the States/UTs that are at fore-front of handling this pandemic.

2. The need of the hour is to prioritize and systematize all our combined efforts towards effective management and ensure availability of sufficient health care infrastructure in the States/UTs to meet the increased demand for providing proper care & treatment to COVID-19 patients.

3. To support the efforts of the States/UTs, the Central Ministries and Departments having the hospitals under their direct control or under the control of their PSUs, had prepared isolation beds and facilities with ICUs, ventilators etc, in hospitals under their control, for the treatment of COVID19 patients during the previous year. The present situation of sudden surge in the COVID cases across the country calls for similar supportive action from all such Central Ministries / Departments and their PSUs & the Hospitals under their control

4. I, therefore, request you to issue instructions to the hospitals under the control of your departments/PSUs to set-up exclusive dedicated hospitals or separate blocks within the hospitals (both for OPD as well as IPD care) for Covid Care, as done last year. These Hospitals/Blocks should have separate entry and exit points for the management of COVID19 cases, to provide treatment services including specialised care for the confirmed COVID19 cases. These dedicated hospitals or blocks have to be equipped to provide all supportive and ancillary services including Oxygen supported beds, ICU beds, Ventilators and specialised Critical Care Units (wherever available), laboratory services, imaging services, kitchen, laundry etc along with dedicated health work-force.

5. As the present situation demands the support from you like last year, I therefore, request you to kindly ensure that maximum possible dedicated hospitals/blocks for COVID19 case management are earmarked and prepared immediately. I also request that the details of such dedicated hospitals/blocks, are provided to the public, duly coordinating with the respective health departments of States/UTs and the District Health Administration of the States/Districts wherever these hospitals are located, so that the public may avail the required treatment at these hospitals / blocks. A Nodal Officer may be nominated from the Ministry / Department for necessary coordination with the respective States/UTs for this purpose and their contact details be shared with the respective States/UTs as well as MoHFW

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I look forward to your Complete Support in this endeavour.

Yours sincerely

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