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The General Managers,
All Indian Railways/PUs,
DG/RDSO &
CAO/DMW/RWP.

Sub: - Covid-19 new Variant Omicron-reg.

A new mutation of SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.529; named **Omicron**) has been reported from South Africa on 24the November 2021. WHO has designated this variant as a new Variant of Concern (VoC).

In view of the above Variant the following measures are suggested to ensure preparedness of railways:-

1. Pending PSA plants to be commissioned at the earliest. Also monitor proper functioning and maintenance of PSA plants and ventilators. Sufficient stock of filled oxygen cylinders to be maintained.
2. Buffer stock of covid-19 medicines and required PPE, testing materials lasting for at least one month.
3. Availability of Covid-19 beds both ICU & non ICU along with special reference to paediatric requirement should be done. If required more number of Covid-19 screening OPD's should be run.
4. It be ensured that Vaccination to be done all railway beneficiaries on fast track. Involve welfare staffs, union office bearers etc, for motivating people to take their vaccination.
5. Testing, Tracing, Treatment and Vaccination to be carried out.
6. IEC material at different places for following Covid-19 protocols.
7. To maintain liaison and work closely with State and other concerned authorities for any advisory instructions issued time to time for management of Omicron variant / Covid-19 patients.
8. All medical infrastructure to be reviewed closely and periodic checks and evaluation be done to fill any short comings.
9. Regular training of Healthcare staffs regarding current management/protocol for treatment of Covid 19 patients including medical equipments.

Necessary action may please be taken in this regard.

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