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12th May, 2021

Dear *Madam,*

Please refer to DO letter of even no. dated 28th April, 2021 from Secretary, Panchayati Raj regarding various prevention and mitigation measures against Covid-19 pandemic to be implemented by the Rural Local Bodies in the States. The feedback information submitted by the States on the various measures taken up has been perused at our end.

It is observed that your State has undertaken various significant measures in this regard for overall community engagement, COVID relief, surveillance, vaccination, intensive communication campaign for awareness generation, Training through short videos, involvement of various stakeholders like Elected Representatives, teachers, ASHA workers etc as frontline workers, adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour at worksites, formation of quarantine centers and home isolation facilities, formation of one stop call centre / helpline, maintenance of sufficient sanitation to prevent spread of viral infection, leveraging various Central and State Government welfare schemes for Covid Prevention measures and proper communication of instructions from District Administration to the VMC Nodal persons/Sarpanches.

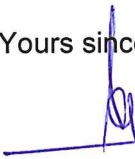
It is suggested that the State may take up the following additional measures as well, as suggested in the MoPR advisories sent to the States at various points of time, if not already being carried out.

- Send customized SMS or WhatsApp messages for reinforcing COVID appropriate behavior through bulk messaging or cascade WhatsApp groups.
- The FFC Grants be utilized during the current fiscal period year 2020-21 for the purposes besides other basic services as outlined in the F.FC Guidelines and SFC/State Specific Guidelines,
- Digital display on availability of testing centers/vaccination centers, doctors, hospital beds etc. should be made by utilizing the IT infrastructure in the Panchayat offices, schools, Common Service Centers etc.

The detailed report of the consolidated actions taken as above and also including any other additional best practices implemented, along with photographs / short videos etc may be provided to this Ministry at the earliest for compilation and records.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


12/05/2021
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