



DO No. M-11015/141/2020-FD

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 this end.

It is observed that your State has undertaken various significant measures in this regard in containment with mobility restrictions of any gatherings above 10 individuals and local measures such as Thikri Pehras or Night Curfews, formation of Village Monitoring Committees (VMCs), training of VMCs through short videos, use of bulk messaging SMS/Whatsapp for awareness generation, formation of quarantine centers and home isolation facilities, formation of one stop call centres/ helpline, digital tracking of hospital/ medical facilities, 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.

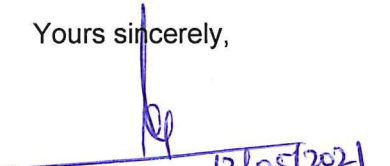
It is suggested that the State may take up the following additional measures as well, as suggested in the MoPR advisories sent to the States at various points of time, if not already being carried out:

- Initiation of an intensive communication campaign for awareness of rural communities on the nature of COVID infection and preventive measures
- Elected representatives, teachers, ASHA workers to be deployed as frontline workers for the communications campaign
- Medical kits with essential medicines, oximeter, thermometer, Masks, sanitisers etc., should be made available to the AWWs/ Trained SHG members
- The XIV FC / XV FC Grants be utilized for the purposes besides other basic services as outlined in the FC Guidelines and SFC/State Specific Guidelines.

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,


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