



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

12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

Dear *Shri Nalin Upadhyay,*

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 initiating relief measures such as distribution of Symptomatic Medicine kit for mildly symptomatic people, counselling of Patients' family members through Gram Yoddha Samiti / Gram Rakshak Dal, intensive communication campaign for awareness generation, involvement of various stakeholders like Elected Representatives, teachers, ASHA workers etc as frontline workers, bulk SMS/Whatsapp messaging for reinforcing Covid appropriate behaviour, formation of quarantine centers and home isolation 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:

- Formation of Village Monitoring Committees (VMC)
- Training through short videos to be given to VMC.
- Ensure adherence to COVID appropriate behaviour at the worksites while implementing various works undertaken in GPs
- One stop call centre/ helpline/ WhatsApp for VMC members to reach out in case of emergency or any immediate requirement.
- The information on availability of testing, hospital beds etc. should be tracked and displayed digitally on real-time basis to facilitate effective utilization of available infrastructure by the rural citizens.
- 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.


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- The FFC Grants be utilized during the current fiscal period year 2020-21 for the purposes besides other basic services as outlined in the FFC 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,

  
12/05/2021  
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