



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

12th May, 2021

Dear *Ms. Aradhana Patnaik,*

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 regarding facilitating vaccinations including key initiatives such as utilizing Gram Panchayats Bhawans and Government ITIs as Vaccination Centres, intensive communication campaign for awareness generation, involvement of various stakeholders like Elected Representatives, teachers, ASHA workers etc as frontline workers, supply of medical kits to AWWs/ SHGs, digital tracking of hospital/ medical facilities, 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, Immediate focus on vigilance towards mobility of migrants is required. Local tracking mechanisms are needed at the grassroots level and relief measures for infected patients, distressed family and high risk individuals.

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
- Send customized SMS or WhatsApp messages for reinforcing COVID appropriate behavior through bulk messaging or cascade WhatsApp groups.
- One stop call centre/ helpline/ WhatsApp for VMC members to reach out in case of emergency or any immediate requirement.
- 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.
- Various Central and State Government welfare schemes may be leveraged towards provision of rations, drinking water supply, sanitation, MGNREGS employment etc so that these reach the right beneficiaries.

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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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