



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

12th May, 2021

Dear *Shri Harichander Semwal,*

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 in community engagement, formulation of Committees and a prime mover in providing prioritized Vaccination for elected representatives of Panchayats involved in COVID response, intensive communication campaign for awareness generation, formation of Village Monitoring Committees (VMCs), involvement of various stakeholders like Elected Representatives, teachers, ASHA workers etc as frontline workers, use of bulk messaging SMS/Whatsapp for awareness generation, 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..

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:

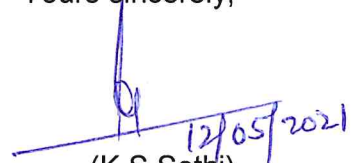
- Training through short videos to be given to VMC.
- One stop call centre/ helpline/ WhatsApp for VMC members to reach out in case of emergency or any immediate requirement.
- Digital display on availability of testing centers/vaccination centers, doctors, hospital beds etc. should be made by utilizing the IT infrastructure in the Panchayat offices, schools, Common Service Centers etc.
- 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
- Wherever possible, they may improvise households as home quarantine locations, where maximum of the asymptomatic COVID positive cases can be managed. Additionally they may also set up specific quarantine/isolation centers for the needy and returning migrant laborers. In consultation with the Health Dept, the Panchayats may be designated to facilitate vaccination drives to ensure maximum coverage of eligible population.

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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,


(K.S. Sethi) 12/05/2021

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