As you are all aware that the availability of adequate supply of oxygen is an important requirement for managing moderate and severe cases of COVID-19. However, besides ensuring adequate supply of oxygen, the protocols related to handling of major sources of supplies are also very much part of the requirements.

Keeping above facts in mind, guidelines have been prepared by incorporating the major sources for supply of oxygen, oxygen system component, normative requirement of quantity of oxygen and precautions required for handling the oxygen cylinder including disinfecting cylinders right from filling point to transportation, loading, unloading, use, exchange, carriage in the hospitals and in critical care facilities. The guidelines are enclosed.

Further, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and its subordinate office the Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) in collaboration with the All India Industrial Gas Manufacturers’ Association (AIIGMA), have evolved a monitoring mechanism for overseeing the situation in totality with regard to availability of medical oxygen to end users by ensuring that there is no disruption in the production, transportation and supply of medical oxygen and to maintain production in close coordination with the manufacturers of medical oxygen and cylinders.

For this, PESO has nominated 20 Group ‘A’ Officers as State-wise nodal officers for all the States/UTs of the country. Similarly, AIIGMA (95% of Medical Oxygen & Nitrous Oxide in India is reportedly being Manufactured/Re-filled/Supplied by the members of AIIGMA) has also nominated 51 State-wise nodal officers and volunteers. Further, a list of medical oxygen manufacturers and re-fillers (with contact details) is also enclosed.
I am also enclosing the list of Nodal Officer with their contact details, designated by the respective State/UT Govt. for monitoring the oxygen supplies to State/UT institutions.

I am sure that you will find the guidelines and contact details of various Nodal Officer useful to ensure the adequate supply of oxygen in your hospital/institutions to manage the COVID-19 patients.

Enclose: as above

Yours sincerely,

(Vandana Gurnani)

Director/Medical Superintendent/ Head of the Institution

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Copy to the following Joint Secretaries to provide necessary instructions to concerned hospitals / institutions:

1. JS (Sunil Sharma) - All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) across State/s, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research (PGIMER –Chandigarh), Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research (JIPMER, Puducherry), Hospitals or other Medical Colleges under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojna (PMSSY) and any other hospitals under other ministries.

2. JS (Alok Saxena) - CGHS (Central Government Health Scheme).

3. JS (Dr. Nipun Vinayak) – Institutions of Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur College of Nursing, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS), Sevagram, Maharashtra, Lady Reading Health School Delhi, Gandhigram Institute of Rural Health and Family Welfare Trust (GIRHFWT).

4. JS (Gayatri Mishra) - Hospitals (RML & PGIMER/ Safdarjung Hospitals and Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College , Lady Hardinghe Medical College and Kalawati Saran Children Hospitals, Chandigarh and other regional institutions.

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