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Dear Colleagues,

As we are aware, the entire India Health Team is leaving no stone unturned in efforts for management of Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) across the country. As communicated to all the States/UTs vide my D.O. letter even No., dated 5th March 2020, States/UTs have started 104 or similar help lines, development of isolation facilities using untied funds and other IEC support under the National Health Mission (NHM), for management of Covid-19. In this regard, to give further flexibility to the States/UTs to utilize the resources available under NHM for the management of COVID-19, following instructions are issued –

1. Following separate Financial Management Report (FMR) codes are created under the Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) Pool for management of COVID-19, namely –

B.31 COVID-19

- B.31.1. Diagnostics including sample transport
- B.31.2 Drugs and supplies including PPE and masks
- B.31.3 Equipment/facilities for patient-care including support for ventilators etc.
- B.31.4 Temporary HR including incentives for Community Health Volunteers
- B.31.5 Mobility support
- B.31.6 IT systems including Hardware and software, etc.
- B.31.7 IEC/ BCC
- B.31.8 Training
- B.31.9 Miscellaneous (which could not be accounted for in B.31.1 to B.31.7)

2. States/UTs are requested to re-appropriate resources from corresponding FMR codes under the HSS pool as approved under the NHM in 2019-20, to the above mentioned FMR codes, to meet the financial needs for undertaking activities for effective management and control of COVID-19.


3. The usual upper limit of 10%, applicable for re-appropriation of resources between activities in the same Pool, is hereby relaxed for this purpose.
4. It is clarified that, given the urgent nature of the COVID-19 challenge, the states\UTs may go ahead with implementation and utilization of resources so appropriated and the states\UTs do not have to wait for confirmation from the Ministry regarding appropriation of funds. However, a copy of the appropriation order(s) so issued may necessarily be shared with the Ministry.
5. Resources available in Pools other than HSS, may also be utilised on loan basis, if there is shortfall of resources in HSS Pool.
6. Further, the Ministry vide its email dated 4th March, 2020 had forwarded the details of the Manufacturers of N95 masks, PPE equipment and triple layer masks, as received from Ministry of Textiles. Minutes of the meeting of the Technical Committee under DGHS of this Ministry held on 26/02/2020 and O.M. No. Z-28015/17/2020-EMR dated 02/03/2020, regarding specifications of PPE equipment were also shared. The same are again enclosed herewith for your ready reference.

These provisions are given to provide the necessary support to the States/UTs in these testing times, with the required flexibility. The Ministry is also taking steps to enhance the resources under NHM for this purpose. I hope that this support will help the States/UTs in efficient management of COVID-19.

Encl: As above

Best wishes

Yours sincerely


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To,

1. Additional Chief Secretary/Principle Secretary/Secretary, Health – all States/UTs
2. Mission Directors – National Health Mission – all States/UTs

Copy to:-

1. All the JSs - DoHFW
2. ED, NHSRC
3. Director, NHM Finance for necessary action.
4. All DSs/Directors of NHM
5. PPS to Secretary HFW / SSs / AS&FA / AS&MD

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