Dear Colleague,

You are aware of the evolving situation of COVID in the nation. I would like to thank you for your relentless efforts you are making at the State and District level. Towards effective planning of these efforts and to support your endeavour, I would like to inform that we have shared few tools with Health Secretary of your State.

(i) Tool 1: Healthcare Infrastructure Gap analysis tool at Peak Load: for infrastructure planning at maximum case load in a State or District/City.

(ii) Tool 2: Case load and Healthcare infrastructure forecasting over a period of time: for forecasting number of cases based on the historical trend or assumed growth rate of confirmed cases and analyze infrastructure sufficiency over a period of time

2. At the operational level, the tool can be used at the State level and district level for estimating the requirement of infrastructure as the situation demands. Since there is known lead time required for creation of beds, especially ICU beds, it is encouraged that the tool be used at least twice a week to anticipate any surge demands as per the increase in total number of confirmed cases. Such tools can significantly augment our planning efforts by allowing us to scale up our preparedness and pre-empt sudden demand for services.

3. I request you to ensure effective usage of the tool and share it with districts for planning at their end. For any clarifications, email may kindly be sent to covid19.help@gov.in.

Yours sincerely,

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To: Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs