Dear Sir,

As a response to COVID-19, NHSRC carried out a desk review of Biomedical Equipment Management & Maintenance Program (BMMP) dashboards of States for availability of ventilators in various public health facilities.

In this regard, I would like to state that as per WHO, 14% of COVID-19 infected patients would require oxygen therapy and 5% would require intensive care, which could be overwhelming. As this infection spreads, availability of functional oxygen therapy equipment especially ventilators could be a challenge. States are suggested to undertake similar analysis for equipment and diagnostic devices using data available on BMMP dashboards. As an emergency preparedness response, this analysis will enable States to rationalize their resources and identify prospective medical products for procurement. This reiterates the importance of having a real time inventory of all medical equipment and having a comprehensive management & maintenance plan linked to it. Please find attached the details of ventilators available in your state/UT.

I would be grateful, if you could kindly update us on measures taken in this regard to strengthen the preparedness of the health system to respond to this pandemic.

Warm regards

Yours’ sincerely,

(Vikas Sheel)

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