No.16/6/2020-SCS/ Dated: 07-08-2020

ENDORSEMENT

विषय: To facilitate temporary deployment of machines to fight against COVID-19 - Regarding.

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उपरोक्त विषय पर मंत्रिमंडल सचिव, नई दिल्ली से प्राप्त दिनांक 17/07/2020 के अर्थ-शासकीय पत्र संख्या 101/2/1/2020-CA.IV(Vol.II) की एक प्रति सूचना एवं आवश्यक कार्यवाही हेतु अनुमंडित है।

A copy of D.O. Letter No.101/2/1/2020-CA.IV(Vol.II) dated 17/07/2020 received from Cabinet Secretary, New Delhi on the above mentioned subject is forwarded for information and necessary action.

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प्रतिलिपि / Copy also to:

1. पठवि के सभी अधिकारी एवं अनुभाग / All Officers & Sections in DAE Secretariat.-DARPAN
2. Head, CISD(DAE)- With a request to upload the same in DAE Website under SCS Corner.
Dear Secretary,

As you are aware, with the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, steps to augment testing, tracing and treatment capacities become absolutely critical. In this context it is imperative that testing capabilities are enhanced across the country with the involvement of all relevant institutions.

2. So far over 1.24 crore COVID-19 tests have been performed in the country across 1223 COVID-19 testing labs. Presently 388 Government registered labs are carrying out COVID-19 testing with 573 RT-PCR machines. In order to address the increasing demand for COVID-19 testing, it is essential that the testing centres are strengthened further by addition of more RT-PCR machines.

3. I am given to understand that nearly 250 machines which are capable of performing RT-PCR tests and currently not being used in any critical area, are available with educational and research institutions under various Departments. By temporarily deploying such machines in District hospitals and Government laboratories, additional testing capacity of about 60000 tests per day can be created. State Governments have already been requested to prepare a road map to deploy these machines in their testing laboratories and district hospitals to augment the testing capacity.

4. I would therefore request you to facilitate temporary deployment of the machines from the institutes under your Department in consultation with Department of Health Research, in District hospitals and Government labs performing Covid-19 tests, and ensure that it is accomplished by 31st July, 2020.

Yours Sincerely,

(Rajiv Gauba)

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