

Record note of the meeting on the COVID-19 situation of the State

Date and time : 04/05/2021 at 9:00 PM
Venue : Conference Hall, CM- Block, Assam Secretariat

Participants:

1. Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.
2. Shri Samir K Sinha, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
3. Shri Anurag Goel, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department
4. Smt Krishna Gohain, IAS, Special Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
5. Dr Laksmanan S, IAS, Mission Director, NHM, Assam.
6. Shri Biswajit Pegu, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District.
7. Shri Kailash Karthik N, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup District.
8. Shri Khanindra Choudhry, ACS, Addl. Secretary, Health & FW Department.
9. Smti Jyotshna Medhi Patgiri, ACS, Joint Secretary, Health & FW Department.
10. Smt Pranati Mazumdar, ACS, Joint Secretary, Health & FW Department
11. Prof. (Dr.) Anup Kr. Barman, Director of Medical Education, Assam
12. Dr. Rathindra Bhuyan, Director of Health Services, Assam
13. Shri Munindra Ngatey, ACS, Director of Health Services (FW), Assam
14. Shri Pradip Timung, ACS, Additional Director of Health Services, Assam.
15. Shri Dhruvajyoti Borah, ACS, Addl. Director of Medical Education (Admin.)
16. Shri Saurabh Senapati, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Health & FW Department.
17. Dr. Manoj Choudhury, Executive Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
18. Shri Kamaljit Talukdar, ACS, Deputy CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyaan Society
19. Smti Pomi Baruah, ACS, Officer on Special Duty, National Health Mission
20. Principal-cum-Chief Superintendent/ Superintendent/ Core treating team of all Medical College Hospitals.
21. Representative of Apollo, Ayursandra and GNRC hospitals.
22. Other Officials of District Administration etc..
23. Shri Abhijit Baruah, CMD, Premier Cryogenics Limited.

The meeting was chaired by Hon'ble Minister, Health & Family Welfare, Assam.

After detailed deliberations, the following decisions were taken:

1. Health & Family Welfare Department along with district administration will prepare a policy/ strategy for declaration of very specific area wise containment zones so that only the area having high incidence of COVID-19 cases is identified and restrictions are imposed accordingly without affecting a broader area.
2. Along with the steps being undertaken for increasing oxygen production/ availability/ storage and creation of additional bed capacity in medical college hospitals etc., steps should also be taken to increase the number of oxygen beds, i.e. providing oxygen supply to more number of existing general beds.
3. COVID Care Centers which can be converted to COVID hospitals for mildly symptomatic COVID-19 cases, with infusion of additional infrastructure and equipment like medical gas pipeline etc., should be identified and a plan should be prepared accordingly.
4. In view of the significant number of passengers from outside the State, found to be positive after RT-PCR testing (after being found RAT negative), it should be explored whether it is feasible to keep passengers in institutional quarantine in hotels, dharamshalas etc. for a very short duration of about 24 hours by which time RT-PCR test result would be declared, so that the possibility of infected passengers spreading the virus is minimized. The expenditure for such accommodation can be borne by the passengers themselves or by the Government depending upon the circumstances.
5. Communication will be made with DRDO to explore the possibility of setting of temporary hospitals.
6. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (M) and Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup will undertake survey and inspection of any additional hospitals in these districts can be converted to COVID Care Centers/ COVID Hospitals.



(Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma)
Minister, Health & Family Welfare etc,

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3. Mission Director, NHM, Assam.
4. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup (Metro) District.
5. Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup District.
6. Addl. Secretary, Health & FW Department.

7. Joint Secretary, Health & FW Department.
8. Director of Medical Education, Assam/ Director of Health Services, Assam/ Director of Health Services (FW), Assam.
9. Additional Director of Health Services, Assam./ Addl. Director of Medical Education (Admin.)
10. Deputy Secretary, Health & FW Department.
11. Executive Director, National Health Mission, Assam.
12. Deputy CEO, Atal Amrit Abhiyaan Society
13. Officer on Special Duty, National Health Mission
14. CMD, Premier Cryogenics Limited.
15. Any other concerned.

Submits 10/5/21

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
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