

**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
ASSAM SECRETARIAT, DISPUR**

No. HLB. 158/2020/177

Dated Dispur the 07th May, 2021.

From : Anurag Goel, IAS
Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department.

To : 1) Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Assam,
Christianbasti, Guwahati.

2) Deputy Commissioner
Kamrup (Metro)/ Dibrugarh/ Kamrup/ Nagaon/ Jorhat/ Tinsukia/
Karimganj/Cachar

Sub : Use of Railway coaches as COVID Care Centers.

Sir/ Madam,

Northeast Frontier Railway has made 150 available Isolation Coaches in the State of Assam which can be used as COVID Care Centers for COVID patients who have mild to moderate symptoms. Each such coach has 14 to 16 beds.

For use of the coaches by the Health & Family Welfare Department, an MoU (Annexure-I) between the Northeast Frontier Railway and the State Government has to be signed. Broadly, the medical aspects are the responsibility of the State Government while availability of the coaches in usable condition, is the responsibility of the Railways.

It has been decided that the initial deployment of the coaches will be at following locations on the basis of case load:-

1. Kamrup (Metro):
 - a. At Kamakhya Station: 20 Coaches = 320 Beds
 - b. At Narengi/ Paltan Bazaar: 20 Coaches = 320 Beds
2. Dibrugarh: Old Dibrugarh Station: 20 Coaches = 320 Beds
3. Kamrup Rural: Rangia Station: 20 Coaches = 320 Beds
4. Nagaon: Raha/ Chaparmukh: 20 Coaches = 320 Beds
5. Jorhat: Mariyani Jn: 20 Coaches = 320 Beds
6. Tinsukia: Tinsukia Station: 10 Coaches = 160 Beds
7. Karimganj/Cachar: Badarpur Station: 20 coaches = 320 Beds


The patients of neighbouring districts can also be accommodated in the coaches stationed in a particular district, depending on availability of beds and case load.

For the above arrangement, from the State Government side, MD, NHM, Assam will be the Nodal Officer at State level while local Deputy Commissioner will be the Nodal Officer at district level, and they will be the signatories to the district specific MoU.



MD, NHM is requested to coordinate with the Northeast Frontier Railway and the concerned Deputy Commissioners/ Jt. DHS etc. and taker necessary action to operationalize the Isolation Coaches, as required.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam
Health & Family Welfare Department
Dated Dispur the 07th May, 2021.

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Copy to :-

1. Director General of Police, Assam.
2. Senior most Principal Secretary, Health & FW Department, Dispur.
3. ADGP (L&O) / ADGP (S), Assam.
4. General Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati.
5. Commissioner & Secretary, Transport Department, Assam.
6. All Deputy Commissioners / Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil), Assam.
7. All Superintendents of Police, Assam.
8. Director of AYUSH/ Director of Health Services/ Director of Medical Education/ Director of Health Services (FW), Assam.
9. All Joint Directors of Health Services, Assam.
10. All Principal cum Chief Superintendents/ Superintendents, Medical College Hospitals, Assam.
11. Divisional Railway Manager, N.F. Railway, Lumding.
12. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Health & F.W., Assam.
13. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister of State, Health & F.W., Assam.
14. P.S. to Chief Secretary, Assam.
15. Any other concerned.

By orders,


Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Health & Family Welfare Department.

Date: -

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ISOLATION COACHES**Sub: Isolation coaches at Guwahati Railway Station.**

As per the guidelines of MOHFW and Ministry of Railways, isolation coaches were prepared by Indian Railways and made ready for use as Covid Care Centers for COVID positive patients who have mild to moderate symptoms. Covid care rake has 20 coaches, comprising of modified Sleeper (16) & air Conditioning (4) coaches and each coach can accommodate 16 & 14 patients respectively. The coaches have been suitably positioned as mutually agreed upon between the District Administration of Kamrup and Divisional Administration of Lumding Division of Northeast Frontier Railway.

The responsibilities of Railways and the State in the operation of these Isolation Coaches as mutually agreed are given as under:

S No.	ITEMS	RESPONSIBILITY
1.	Disinfection and cleaning of coaches initially and while handing over.	Railways
2.	Disinfection and cleaning of coaches during use	State
3.	a) Oxygen cylinders and accessories by b) Refilling by	a) Railways b) State
4.	a) First time supply of linen b) Washing (laundry)	a) Railways b) State
5.	a) Power and electric supply arrangements b) Provision of DG set	a) Railways b) State
6.	Watering	Railways for filling water in coaches State may arrange tanker if need arises
7.	Maintenance of infrastructure of coaches	Railways
8.	Replenishment of chlorine tablets for Bio Toilets	Railways
9.	Signages	Railways

10.	Communication	Railways
12	Security	Railways
13.	Donning and doffing facility in one of the coach	State
14.	Covid care hospital attached to Covid Care Centre	State
15.	Doctors and paramedical staff	State
16.	Ambulance	State
17.	PPE to medical staff	State
18.	PPE to maintenance staff of Railway	Railways
19.	Material (Medicines, consumables and medical equipment's etc)	State
20.	Waste segregation at source, collection and disposal.	State
21.	Catering	State
22.	Temperature management of coaches	Railways & State
23.	Staff training	State
24.	Over all supervision	State
25.	Disinfection and cleaning of rakes at the time of handing over after use	State

The responsibility of bringing the patient from Ambulance to the Covid Care Coaches by stretcher/wheel chair etc. will be with State. For better co-ordination between the State and Railways, one nodal officer and one local officer are nominated from each side as under:

1. Shri Hari Singh, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Guwahati (Mob-9957553002) is nominated Nodal officer for this work by NFR.
2. Mission Director, NHM, Assam is nominated as State nodal officer for this purpose by the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam.

District Magistrate.....
District Nodal Officer

Additional Divisional Railway
Manager/.....

Copy to: -

1. Chief secretary, State of Assam, Guwahati
2. Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department, Dispur.
3. General Manager, Northeast Frontier Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati