## Manoj Kumar, I.A.S Executive Director

To.

Letter No.-SHSB/GA/IDSP/1495/2015-Part 2. 873.

Managing Director, Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation

Patna, Date- .25 / 2 /2020

Sub: Health Advisory for travellers for prevention and control of Novel Corona Virus outbreak (Covid 19) Sir,

In context to the ongoing corona virus outbreak in China and its rapid spread to many other countries including India (3 cases), districts are ensuring various activities like organizing Gram Sabha meetings, orientation of PRIs, HWs and Schools. Screening of passengers at Patna and Gaya Airports and at Buddhist spots in Araria, Gaya, East Champaran and Vaishali is also being ensured. On view of the large flow of Passengers from affected countries at Gaya Airport, it is essential that proper monitoring of all symptomatic cases is done.

On view of the above, it is requested to ensure the following:

- Travel Alert may be issued to the tourists arriving in Bihar from China, Hongkong, Singapore, Japan. South Korea and Thailand via District Transport Officers. This may include immediate reporting to the district Health Authorities if Corona Virus signs and symptoms (Fever, Cough, breathing difficulty etc) are observed among the travellers and tourists so that proper treatment is given to them.
- 2) Spreading awareness among the travellers and tourists about the signs and symptoms of the disease and the preventive measures that can be taken to control the disease.
- 3) Display of Signages, hoardings and posters at key bus stands, railway stations warning visitors about Novel Corona Virus disease (Covid 19) along with various precautionary measures that can be taken to prevent the disease
- 4) Orientation of Buddhist Monasteries and Hotel Owners (specially in Araria, Nalanda, Gaya, Vaishali) to report any suspected case visiting the respective districts from Corona affected countries to the respective District Surveillance Unit, IDSP or to the Civil Surgeon Office.

The Advisory and IEC materials are attached as enclosure for ready reference. It is therefore requested to ensure coordination to prevent any impending outbreak due to Corona Virus in the State.

**Enclosures:** As above

Yours Sincerely

(Manoi Kumar)

Memo No. 8731, Date 25/2/2020 Copy to:

1. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bihar for kind information

2. Secretary Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India for kind information

3. Principal Secretary Health, Govt. of Bihar for kind information.

4. District Magistrate, All districts, Bihar for kind information & necessary action.

5. Civil Surgeon, All districts, Bihar for information & necessary action to coordinate with District Transport Officers.

6. ACMO-Cum-DSO, IDSP All districts, Bihar for information & necessary action.

(Executive Director)

