

Most Urgent**Govt. of Bihar
Department of Health**

From,

**Sanjay Kumar, IAS
Principal Secretary**

To,

Dr. Mandeep Kumar Bhandari
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare,
Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi

Patna, Dated: 21.3.2020

Sub: Regarding making protective masks, hand sanitizers, diagnostic apparatus and other commodities/substances available to the state to check the spread of COVID-19.

Dear Sir,

In order to check the outbreak/spread of COVID-19, protective masks (2-ply and 3-ply surgical masks, N95 masks), Infrared Thermometer, Hand sanitizers, diagnostic apparatus and other commodities/substances are required to be made available to the healthcare facilities and also to the public.

Bringing masks (2-ply and 3-ply surgical masks, N95 masks) & hand sanitizers under ambit of Essential Commodities Act would certainly enhance the availability of both the items to the general people at reasonable prices but making surgical and protective masks, sanitizers and gloves available to all the doctors, para-medical staffs and other healthcare professionals at all the healthcare facilities on daily basis is a major challenge.

Viral Transport Medium is also required for collection, transport, maintenance and long-term freeze storage of clinical specimens containing suspected virus.

Therefore, it would be very kind of you, if the following items could be made available at the earliest to the State in order to address the challenges of outbreak of Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19).

Sr. No.	Items	Quantity
1	N-95 Masks	1,00,000
2	Mask (3-ply)	5,00,000
3	Hand sanitizers	5,000
4	Viral Transport media	25,000
5	Infrared Thermometer	1,000
6	Thermal scanner	5

With regards.

Yours Sincerely

21/3/2020
(Sanjay Kumar)

Memo No: 9532.....

Dated: 21.03.2020

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- Sri Lav Agarwal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.
- Sri Rajendra Kumar, Under Secretary, Emergency Medical Relief, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi for information and necessary action.
- Dr. Yogesh, Chief Medical Officer, EMR Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Gol, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi for information and necessary action..
- Dr. Nibedita Gupta, Scientist F, Epidemiology & Communicable Disease, ICMR, V. Ramalingaswami Bhawan, Ansari Nagar, New Delhi for information and necessary action.

21/3/2020
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