

Govt. of Bihar

Health Department

From,

Sanjay Kumar, IAS
Principal Secretary, Health Department,
Govt. of Bihar

To,

Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department, Govt. of Bihar

Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department, Govt. of Bihar

Additional Chief Secretary, Minority Welfare Department, Govt. of Bihar

Secretary, Urban Development & Housing Department, Govt. of Bihar

Labour Commissioner, Bihar, Patna

Commandant, Bihar Regiment Centre, Danapur Cantonment, Patna

Col (Administration), OTA Gaya, Bihar

DRM, Danapur, Patna

Patna, Dated 14. March, 2020

Sub: Establishment of Quarantine Centres for housing personnel with potential exposure to COVID 19.

Ref: MOHFW, Govt. of India Letter F. No. Z.28015/30/2020-EMR (Pt 1)

Sir/Madam,

Vide reference letter above, it has been advised to all States that "incoming travelers (including Indian Nationals) arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain, Germany etc. after 15 Feb 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days (coming into effect from 13.2.2020 at the port of departure)". This list may expand as per the decision taken from time to time.

In view of the above, State need to identify quarantine facilities in Patna and Gaya that can house 500 to 2000 people or more in the vicinity of 2 airports. Such facility should fulfill the following:

- Preferably, it should be located on the outskirts of city areas away from human habitations.
- There should be access control to the facility monitored by security and/or CCTV.
- Such facility should be well ventilated and have adequate natural lightning.
- Such facility should have functional requirements of individual rooms or dormitory settings of accommodating 5-10 beds at 1-2 meter apart with separate washroom facility.
- While planning the facility, space for an administrative unit, a clinical examination room/medical station, catering facility, laundry services and waste

management need to be considered. The facility should have access to landline and internet services.

- For smooth administrative functioning, an administrator should be identified as the nodal officer for each quarantine centre, who will directly report to District magistrate/ED, SHSB/Principal Secretary Health. The names and contact details of such nodal officer shall be shared with the State and Central focal points and APHOs.

In view of the above, it is requested to ensure the identification and readiness of the quarantine centres for Gaya and Patna. 5000 beds may be earmarked for quarantine facilities. For rest of the districts, at least 500 beds could be earmarked. It is also suggested to ensure readiness to convert quarantine facilities to temporary hospitals with isolation facilities. The detailed checklist and format of reporting for quarantine facilities is annexed for ready reference. Seeing the urgency of the situation, it is requested to ensure the preparedness on above subject at the earliest. Action taken at your level along with reporting of quarantine facilities in prescribed format may kindly be shared on email: sssobohar@gmail.com on urgent basis.

Enclosure: As above

Yours Sincerely


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Memo No 9248

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3. Chief Secretary, Bihar, Patna for kind information .
4. Joint Secretary, Public Health, MOHFW, Govt. of India for information.
5. All Divisional Commissioners, Bihar for information & necessary action.
6. All District Magistrates, Bihar for information & necessary action.
7. All Civil Surgeon, Bihar for information & necessary action.

14/3/2020
Principal Secretary
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