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AFFORDABLE MEDICINES FOR ALL

भारत सरकार
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औषध विभाग
राष्ट्रीय औषध मूल्य निर्धारण प्राधिकरण
Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

1st April, 2020

Subject: Ensuring availability of essential Medical Equipments such as PPE, Mask, Gloves, Testing Kits & Ventilators-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Orders No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th March 2020 wherein several Empowered Groups constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005 including an Empowered Group to be headed by Secretary (Pharma), Government of India to ensure availability of essential medical equipments such as Personal Protective Equipments, Masks (2 ply, 3 ply & N-95), Gloves, Testing Kits & Ventilators; Production, Procurement, Import & Distribution for planning & ensuring implementation of COVID-19 Response Activities.

2. The Government of India has notified all medical devices as Drugs w.e.f. 1st April 2020. Thus, all medical devices (around 5,000 devices) have come under the jurisdiction of regulatory supervision for quality control and price monitoring. This is a major tool in fight with the emerging situation due to COVID-19.

3. In order to assess shortage/availability of Personal Protective Equipments, Masks, Gloves, Testing Kits & Ventilators in the country, following information is to provided urgently, not later by 5th April 2020, in respect of above medical equipments in the enclosed format:

- (i) Production capacity available in the State
- (ii) No. of procurement Orders issued by the State Government
- (iii) No. of procurement Orders issued by the Government Hospitals/Other Healthcare establishments/State Public Sector Undertakings/Co-operatives/Private Health Services

- (iv) Stock in hand at Government Hospitals/Other Healthcare establishments/State Public Sector Undertakings/Co-operatives/Private Health Services
- (v) Stock in hand at Retailers level (If need be, All India Organization of Chemist & Druggists, E-mail: ameesh@aiocdawacs.com; may be contacted)
- (vi) Action to be taken by State Government to meet out the emerging requirement in response to COVID-19:
 - (a) Assessment of requirements of the State Government for PPEs, Masks, Gloves and Ventilators for COVID-19 for next two months (for both Government Sector and private healthcare institutions)
 - (b) Current availability of the above medical equipments as mentioned above
 - (c) Shortfall of the above medical equipments as mentioned above
 - (d) Proposal to address shortage
- (vii) Remarks/suggestions, if any

4. This may kindly be given utmost priority.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Shubhra Singh)

Encl: As above

The Chief Secretary,
All State Governments & UT Governments as per list enclosed
(As per enclosed list)