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**Subject: Enhancing field infrastructure and beds in view of the increase of COVID cases reg.**

Dear

*Sir / Madam,*

With reference to the DO letter of Secretary (HFW) dated 01.01.2022 (copy enclosed) regarding emphasis on enhancing health infrastructure in wake of increasing COVID cases, it is expected that the work for re-establishment/ re-commissioning of field/ makeshift hospital facilities would have begun. States/ UTs must have also started the exercise to repurpose the beds in public and private hospitals for COVID cases to ensure maximum preparedness against another potential surge in cases. You may review this matter at your level regularly to ensure that in the eventuality of a potential surge in hospital admissions, the State/ UT is not found wanting.

2. States/ UTs are also expected to develop COVID Care Centres in hotel rooms and other similar accommodations to be linked with Dedicated COVID hospitals for the care of mild or asymptomatic cases.

3. Additionally, it is imperative that logistical supplies like testing reagents and kits (both for RTPCR and Rapid Antigen Testing) are procured and maintained in ample supply to avoid any stock shortages, in case of sudden increase in number of cases.

4. It is advised that these preparatory measures must be taken up with highest priority and regular monitoring at your level may be ensured.

*With warm regards,*

Yours sincerely

*(Arti Ahuja)*

Enclosed: As above

**Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary (Health) of all States / UTs**