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To

Sri Narendra Modi jee,
Honourable Prime Minister,
Government of India, New Delhi

Sub: Need to allow and direct hospitals in PSEs to conduct Antigen and RT-PCR Test in the fight against Covid

Dear Sir,

As reported in the news media on 16th April, 2021, like Hindustan Times and others, (<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/use-hospitals-of-psus-hire-retired-doctors-under-nhm-to-deal-with-surge-centre-tells-states-101618596316528.html>), in a review meeting chaired by Union health secretary Sri Rajesh Bhushan, the Director General of ICMR – Sri Balram Bhargava recommended setting up of more testing labs, including mobile labs for early detection of Covid infection. In the light of these developments, the Centre has also advised states to increase dedicated Covid-19 beds and use the hospitals of Union ministries and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for treating the patients.

Unfortunately, this decision does not seem to have penetrated down to PSEs level. In spite of having comparable or better health facilities in PSE hospitals, they have not been authorised to do testing for detection of the Covid infection. By the way, some of these hospitals are also turned into Covid hospitals and have been authorised for vaccination of their employees. It is a good decision to make these hospitals eligible to assist the government machinery.

It would be better and appropriate if these hospitals are also authorised for antigen and RT - PCR test. At this moment, for saving the life, early detection should be our mantra because the life can be easily saved in mild infection, and engagement of PSE-Hospitals will boost and add to existing facilities. There are instances where, after 1st vaccination, the person has developed Covid. This may be due to the fact that the patient was already infected some days back without symptom and took vaccination. During that one hour at vaccination centre, he might have also infected who did take vaccination. With the involvement of PSE hospitals, the testing can be accelerated and allowing only those to be vaccinated whose antigen test is negative. The detected positive patients can be immediately identified for early medication. In this way, after vaccination, infection can be controlled efficiently.

At this critical juncture you are solemnly requested to allow setting up of testing centres in different hospitals of PSEs. Sir, early detection of Covid cases will reduce and decrease spreading of infection.

Finally, we hope that our request/proposal will be duly considered for implementation.

With regards,



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