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From

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To

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Sub: - Examination of the subject "Outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 and related Contingent and Mitigation Plan" by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare"

Sir,

I am directed to state that the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare is presently examining the subject "Outbreak of pandemic COVID-19 and related Contingent and Mitigation Plan". In this connection, the Committee has decided to seek your valuable views/opinions on the said subject in general and the points enumerated below in particular:-

- i. Critical analysis of steps undertaken by Government during various lockdown and unlocking phases to contain and mitigate COVID-19;
- ii. SWOT analysis of the Government contingent and mitigation plans to COVID-19 further strategies required to combat weaknesses and threats and capitalise on the strength and opportunities;
- iii. Challenges posed due to changing character/strains/mutation by Corona virus and its symptoms and need for further R&D to find drugs/vaccine solution;
- iv. Action-plan for comprehensive research projects for having protective umbrella/biological weapons/Defence mechanism against possible spread of virus and projected funds requirements for next five years alongwith detailed justification;
- v. Impact of COVID-19 on the certain sections of the population like women, children, laborers etc;
- vi. Problems being faced due to huge Indian population in fight against COVID-19 and requisite course of action to over come the problem;
- vii. Social and psychological impact of COVID-19 and step required for rehabilitation and resilience;
- viii. Health insurance and medical facilities coverage and need for revisiting the same for reformulation;
- ix. Status of health infrastructure in the country and its adequacy/inadequacy to deal with pandemic like situations;

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- x. Strengthening Research & Development and promotion to innovation for containing and mitigating the threat of spread of COVID-19 like viruses;
- xi. Expectation from various scientific and tech/health research institutes and issue of adequate budgetary allocation to these institutes;
- xii. Need for enhancement of lab facility to conduct tests like Serum Virus Neutralization assay test (SVN) and Bio Safety Level-4 (BSL-IV);
- xiii. Issue of availability of quality medical devices like ventilators, PPE kits, Masks, etc, menace of black-marketing of essential drugs being prescribed for COVID- infected persons; suggestions for improvement;
- xiv. Action Plan for capacity building of health-workers/human resource management to tackle the situation arising out of spread of viruses;
- xv. Incentives for health workers dealing directly with Corona like doctors, nurses, health workers like ASHA, etc;
- xvi. Need for collaborative health research and development activities amongst CSIR, ICMR, National Institute of Virology, National Biomedical Research indigenization consortium and other research institutes of containment and mitigation of viruses in case of its possible outbreak of future and need for Unified and indicated research activities;
- xvii. R&D activities required to ensure development of cost effective vaccine/drugs;
- xviii. Research and Development activities required for enhancing the efficacy and Quality of different types of diagnostic test including rapid antigen Tests;
- xix. Suggestions for preparedness for such pandemic like situations in future; and
- xx. Any other incidental and related matters pertaining to the subject.

2. You are requested to kindly arrange for furnishing your written submissions/suggestions, along with soft copy thereof, **latest by 11th September, 2020** for consideration of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,



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