





## Government of Jharkhand Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society Department of Health, Medical Education & Family Welfare Namkum, Ranchi.

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From,

Kamal Kishore Soan,

Secretary.

To

Deputy Commissioners,

Ranchi, Dhanbad, West Singhbum, East Singhbhum and Bokaro.

Subject: Regarding setting up of multiple sample collection points & a TrueNAT testing facility at Hatia, Ranchi, Dhanbad, Bokaro, Chakradharpur, Tata Nagar Railway Stations and Birsa Munda Airport,

Dear All,

With respect to the current developing situation of COVID-19 and analysis of last four weeks data, it has been observed that there has been a continuously increasing trend in the positivity rate of the State of Maharashtra in last four weeks, the number of cases reported this week have jumped by 81% as compared to last week, moreover the weekly positivity has shot up to more than 9% this week. Moreover, in the State of Kerala, the number of weekly cases reported has plateaued to an average of approx. 36094, suggesting very high burden. The positivity rate has marginally declined; however, it is still very high.

Proper monitoring of passenger coming from outside the State is required. In this context sample collection of only symptomatic or patients coming from State of Maharashtra & State of Kerala may be considered in this regard by district administration Ranchi in coordination with Airport Director, Birsa Munda Airport, Ranchi. In addition to setting up a testing and sample collection facility, Ranchi airport must share the details of travelers travelling from outside the country and from the State of Maharashtra & Kerala on daily basis on idspjharkhand3@gmail.com and to Ranchi administration on de-ran@nic.in for surveillance and testing purpose. Similar efforts may be taken with respect to passengers coming by other mode of transportation including railways in the district mentioned above. Therefore, you are kindly requested to ensure the following:

1. Setup multiple sample collection points and a TrueNAT testing space (Consisting of 4-5 TrueNAT machines) at above mentioned railway stations & Ranchi Airport.

2. Passengers coming via direct trains, originating at or passing from Maharashtra and Kerala may be scanned for temperature using a thermal gun at the above-mentioned stations for any COVID-19 symptoms.

3. For any symptomatic or suspected case of COVID-19 at the above-mentioned stations and Ranchi Airport, sample for COVID-19 testing may be collected.

4. Deploy sufficient testing, sample collection and contact tracing teams for any positive

5. Please ensure that passengers are not harassed and appropriate support from the railways

With regard to this public health emergency, I hope that you will take all appropriate steps and coordinate the necessary response.

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1. Secretary, Dept. of Transport, GoJ. for information.

2. Secretary, Disaster Management Division, Dept of Home, Jail and Disaster management, GoJ. for

3. Airport Director, Birsa Munda Airport, Ranchi for information and necessary action

4. Divisional Railway Manager CKP, Hatia & Dhanbad for information & necessary action 5. Concern Civil Surgeons for information and necessary action.

State Surveillance Officer, NHM for information.