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Ministry of Home and Cultural Affairs Royal Government of Bhutan

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Dasho Dzongda Dzongkha Administration, Chukha

Dear Dasho,

The Special Emergency National Disaster Management Authority meeting chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 29th January 2020 instructed the Ministry of Home & Cultural Affairs (MoHCA) to conduct a coordination meeting with all law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and put in place necessary measures to step-up surveillance of Coronavirus (nCoV) at all the designated entry checkpoints and along vulnerable sections of the border areas. The concerned LEAs and members of subcommittee have initiated and established surveillance procedures at all entry checkpoints and vulnerable border areas in the southern Dzongkhags.

The MoHCA has been informed that while the screening procedures and protocols have been put in place, difficulties are being encountered in identifying a place to quarantine suspected cases. During a coordination meeting of the LEAs held on 9th February 2020 in Phuentsholing, it was decided that Rangaytung Basic Health Unit under Sampheling Gewog could be used as an alternative location to quarantine the suspected cases.

In the light of above, we would like to request you to direct the relevant officials to ensure that the BHU is ready for use, should situation warrant.

Yours sincerely,

Thank

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Secretary

Copy to:

1. The Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Health, for kind information

The Director General, Department of Disaster Management, for follow up

3. The Drungpa, Phuentsholing, for follow up