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To

All Chief Secretaries/UT Administrators

Sub : Tracking of people who have arrived from specified Countries, in the context of Coronavirus, before the revised instructions

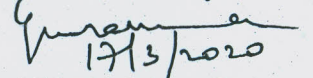
Sir,

With reference to the above, it may be noted that Government of India have been progressively tightening the entry and screening mechanism, as you are aware.

However, in view of the fact that the incubation period of the virus may be for a period of two weeks, there is a need to step up the mechanism of tracing, with particular attention to the people who have arrived into India, at least two weeks prior to the date when the revised instructions came into force. While the Bureau of Immigration is in the process of giving the data in respect of the Indians and foreigners who have arrived, it is also suggested that the following parallel approach could be considered by the State Governments in the overall interest of reducing risk.

1. An Order will be issued by the district administration under Section 33 of Disaster Management Act, to all the local residents, with adequate publicity that people who have arrived from the specified countries from 1st January, 2020 should proactively contact the local authorities for follow up on their well-being.
2. Mechanism must be put in place to conduct appropriate medical examination of each of such persons who voluntarily comes forward and deal with each person as per the protocol prescribed by the Ministry of Health.
3. Involve the local NGOs/ credible members of the civil society organizations in helping this process, so that each person is taken to the logical end. In case the foreigner or Indian citizen concerned has left the country, the same may be confirmed and noted. In case the foreigner or Indian citizen has moved to a different area, attempts may be made to share details to the district authorities of the new jurisdiction.
4. The assistance of the FRO and District Superintendents of Police may be taken to ensure that this process of tracking in respect of these 'legacy arrivals' is done diligently.

Yours faithfully,


17/3/2020

(G V V Sarma)

Member Secretary