PRESS STATEMENT

The Health and Family Welfare department made a power point presentation giving the current status of the case positivity, beds and oxygen availability and the trend of hospitalisations etc. As per the clinical and epidemiological criteria, the department advised to complete at least two cycles of incubation of 2 weeks each. The feedback from the District Task Force was also reviewed.

- 2. Taking into account the medical advice on account of the high level of COVID-19 positive cases in the State and as per the feedbacks received from all the District Task Forces, the HPC decided to extend the State wide total lockdown with the existing guidelines till 11th of June, 2021.
- 3. It was also decided that over and above the 15% of LADP fund earmarked for Common Pool activities an additional 10% will be kept aside for COVID-19 related expenditure excluding those earmarked for Iconic Projects for COVID-19 related expenditure as per the requirement of the respective District Task Forces. The Planning department will issue separate guidelines on this.
- 4. To check the spread of the virus in rural areas, a system of community surveillance have been put in place. The District Task Forces shall take steps to strengthen the Village Task Force/Village Disaster Management Authorities and they shall remain operational under the supervision of the respective DTFs for effective management of COVID-19 in the rural areas.
- 5. The ongoing vaccination drive shall continue to be aggressively implemented across the State. All Village and Ward/ Colony authorities may be mobilised to organise suitable slots for vaccination in order to streamline the on-going vaccination drive.
- 6. Ministers/Advisors/MLAs have already been assigned to the districts to monitor effective measures to prevent and control COVID-19. It was also decided to request the assigned Ministers/Advisors/MLAs to go their respective districts to take stock of the situation.

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