

AES, Disaster Management.

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Chief Secretary  
Jharkhand, Ranchi

Dear Chief Secretary

As you are aware, our efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 require a whole-of-the-government approach, given the scale of challenge. It is imperative to have in place an emergency response mechanism that can deal with problems with alacrity and in a collaborative and coordinated manner.

2. With a view to synchronise the efforts of various Ministries/Departments and other agencies, the Government of India, in exercise of powers under the Disaster Management Act, has constituted eleven Empowered Groups of officers with clearly defined mandates. The specific tasks assigned include emergency planning, strengthening of hospital infrastructure, procurement of medical equipment, disease surveillance, augmenting human resource in health care, ensuring availability of essential and medical supplies, alleviating the distress caused by disruption due to lockdown and social distancing, etc. (Copy of Order enclosed). Each Group is empowered to plan, strategise and take necessary steps to implement the desired interventions. It is expected that this mechanism will expedite decision making and help resolve various problems and implementation issues in a timely manner.

3. Considering the enormity of the challenge and multiplicity of issues involved in combating the spread of COVID-19, optimal utilization of all resources of the State Governments would be of paramount importance. You may, therefore, consider putting in place a similar mechanism in your State with clear roles and responsibilities assigned to dedicated teams so as to facilitate a coordinated and swift response.

With regards

Yours sincerely,

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