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MOST URGENT

No. 061/2/2020-CA.V
Government of India
Cabinet Secretariat
Rashtrapati Bhavan

New Delhi, dated 19th March, 2020

To,

1. Chief Secretaries of All State Governments
2. Administrators of all UT Administrations.

Subject: To enhance production of hand sanitizers and to ensure its availability to the consumers.

Sir / Madam,

A number of measures have been taken by both Government of India and the State Governments to contain Corona Virus / COVID-19 including highlighting certain personal hygiene issues like use of hand sanitizers by public and health workers to prevent the spread of Corona virus.

2. The demand of sanitizers is increasing and several measures have been taken up by Government of India to maintain demand supply balance. The State Government / UT Administrations are requested to take following actions immediately:

- (i) Necessary permissions on account of licensing and storage of Ethyl Alcohol/ Extra Neutral Alcohol (ENA)/ Ethanol may be accorded by the State Government agencies to the sanitizer industries upto their installed capacity without any quota restriction on supply of Ethyl Alcohol/ENA.
- (ii) All possible arrangements should be made to ensure that Ethyl Alcohol/ENA is made easily available to the sanitizers industry. In this regard, Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) and All India Distilleries Association(AIDA) have also assured that the input material, i.e., Ethyl Alcohol / ENA / Ethanol would be made available to the producers of sanitizers at a reasonable price.
- (iii) The sanitizer industry operating in the States/ UT administrations should be motivated to run their units in all three shifts, so that they can utilize their installed capacity to produce maximum quantity of hand sanitizers. Sanitizer Industry should also be encouraged to enhance their production capacity; for which necessary permissions may be accorded by the States/ UT Administrations on priority basis.
- (iv) It has been brought to our notice by AIDA that their members can also produce sanitizers in bulk, that can be bottled by the Sanitizer Industry and other Industries; for which necessary permissions if required may be accorded by the States/ UT Administrations on priority basis.

3. This may be treated as "Most Urgent".

Yours faithfully,

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