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### Office Order

In continuation with the communication no. 18515121 (1) /JSMA/2020 dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from the Govt. of India [Copy Attached], it is again emphasized that uninterrupted supply of medical oxygen is critical in the fight against COVID -19 pandemic. The recommendations in the aforesaid letter to ensure the same must be followed in letter and spirit .

It should further be ensured that a virtual Control Room should be established at the Directorate of Health to monitor efficient & adequate availability of medical oxygen in all the districts and facilities. The Control Room should be headed by a Senior Officer not below the rank of Additional Director and apart from monitoring and ensuring the availability of medical oxygen, coordination with the Control Room at GoI level should also be ensured.

Action taken in this regard with the contact details of the control room should be communicated to the undersigned at the earliest.


Encl:As above

  
(Amit Singh Negi)

Director General,  
Medical, Health and F.W.  
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Cc:

- 1) Secretary (In charge) Medical Health and F.W. ,Uttarakhand
- 2) Director Medical Education to ensure coordination with the Medical Colleges

  
(Amit Singh Negi)



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Government of India  
Department of Health and Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

D.O. No.1851521(1)/JSMA/2020  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

*Dear Colleague,*

*Mr. Rajan*  
*All issue directed - 4 put up*

This has a reference to the virtual meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 with Health & Industry officials of States / UTs, DOP, PESO, NPPA, DCGI on availability of Oxygen and related issues. The meeting was also attended by Empowered Group 3 (EG3) Members, Secretaries of DPIIT, Pharmaceuticals & Textiles.

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2. In the meeting it was emphasized that medical oxygen is an essential public health commodity and its uninterrupted supply is critical in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic. Since the number of active cases of COVID-19 is increasing, there is an increase in the consumption of Oxygen as well. It is imperative that all state/UTs take enclosed measures to ensure the uninterrupted oxygen availability in the State.

3. A virtual Central Control Room has been setup at MoHFW, GoI to monitor efficient & adequate availability of medical oxygen in States/UTs. You are also advised to set up similar Control Rooms to regularly monitor availability & storage of Medical Oxygen health facility-wise. Such Control Rooms are advised to remain in constant touch with the Central Control Room for raising timely alerts particularly those related to inter-state movement of oxygen.

*Regards.*

Yours sincerely

Encl : as above

(Rajesh Bhushan)

Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary (Health)  
All States/UTs



Recommended measures to ensure efficient & adequate availability of medical oxygen in States/UTs.

1. Undertake micro-level management through facility wise/hospital wise Oxygen inventory management and advance planning for timely replenishment so that there is no stock out.
2. Ensure that no restriction is imposed on the inter-state or inter-district movement of Medical Oxygen as already advised by M/o Health & FW vide Secretary, Health's DO letter no 1851521(1)/2020 dated 10.09.2020
3. "Green corridor" for 24x7 unrestricted and unhindered inter-State and intra-State movement of Oxygen tankers should be created.
4. Hospitals and institutions have long term tender/contract agreement for supply of Oxygen with Oxygen manufacturers, which need to be honored. Hence, States must not impose restrictions on free movement of Oxygen.
5. Ensure timely payment of the due bills to the manufacturer and supplier to maintain uninterrupted supply.
6. Improve power supply infrastructure and ensure uninterrupted supply to Oxygen manufacturing units.
7. Ensure proper disinfection of Oxygen cylinders as per protocols while sending cylinders to fillers of Oxygen
8. Effective coordination with steel plants for Oxygen Procurement since steel plants provide approx. 560 MT/day in addition to Oxygen manufacturers who provide 6400MT/day.
9. Process of grant of licenses from industrial to medical Oxygen must be expedited.
10. All States and districts must regularly update the Ministry's portal showing the position of Oxygen availability and consumption.
11. Reduce the turn-around time of Oxygen tankers. Oxygen tankers should be allowed to enter city limits during day time also. State Transport authorities /Traffic police should not subject tankers to unnecessary stoppage for checking.
12. Use of High Flow Nasal Cannula (HFNC) in health care facilities need to be monitored and audited to facilitate rational use of Oxygen.
13. Treating doctors must be trained to ensure rational use of Oxygen.
14. As the use of Oxygen is increasing, the Fire Safety issue needs to be monitored regularly.
15. To carry out Oxygen consumption audit to rationalise consumption.
16. The manufacturers should not be subjected to frequent inspections/queries by State/District authorities to enable unhindered production.
17. States should identify idle MSME ASUs plants which can produce Oxygen and work on their revival and also explore those MSME units whose storage capacity can be utilized for Oxygen storage.
18. ASUs and fillers should be provided with necessary licenses on priority.
19. Setting up more Cryogenic vessels at hospitals to enhance their storage facility
20. Setting up of Medical Oxygen Generating Plants to make hospitals self-sufficient
21. Hoarding of Oxygen and over-charging of prices must be strictly monitored and checked.

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**Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**  
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Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: September 15, 2020

**ORDER**


**Subject: Central Control Room on Medical Oxygen-reg.**

A virtual Control Room is being setup to monitor efficient & adequate availability of Medical Oxygen in states & UTs. This Control Room would consist of the following officers:

S.No	Name	Designation	Landline No.	Email
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5.	Mr. Sanjay Singh	Controller of Explosives, PESO	+91-8447839102	sksingh@explosives.gov.in

The States/UTs are also advised to set up similar Control Rooms to regularly monitor availability & storage of Medical Oxygen health facility-wise. Such Control Rooms are advised to remain in constant touch with the Central Control Room for raising timely alerts particularly those related to inter-state movement of oxygen.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.

  
(Dr. M K Aggarwal)  
Joint Commissioner (UIP), MoHFW

To:

1. Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health), all States/UTs
2. Mission Director (NHM), all States/UTs