

**ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF GOA, 2020**

CALLING ATTENTION

Tabled by S/Shri Digambar Kamat (Hon. Leader of Opposition), Rohan Khaunte, Jayesh Salgaonkar, Vijai Sardesai, Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, Vinoda Paliencar & Ramkrishna Dhavalikar, MLAs

For answer on 04/02/2020.

1. *"Fear and anxiety in the minds of the people of Goa due to cases reported of the dreaded Novel Corona Virus. Steps the Government will take to screen for the virus and prevention of its outbreak among the people of Goa".*

Statement to be made by Shri. Vishwajit Rane, Hon. Minister for Health.

Sir,

With regards to ongoing Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) Outbreak at China and other Travel related cases in other countries, the following action are taken under Directorate of Health Services:

1. Monitoring:

- Situation of nCoV Outbreak at China & preparedness in the State of Goa is monitored by Task Force committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Health).

2. Surveillance:

- Surveillance on travelers from China is monitored on daily basis by Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, Directorate of Health Services (DHS).
- All the asymptomatic Travelers from China are asked to be in Home isolation for 28 days following arrival in India. All these travelers are followed up on daily basis to check for any symptoms suggestive of nCoV for 28 days by telephonic interviews.
- All the asymptomatic travelers from Wuhan City China will be directly isolated at isolation facility identified at Sub District Hospital, Chicalim.

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- Any of these travelers found to be symptomatic, are isolated at Goa Medical College, Bambolim & samples are sent to National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune.
- Orders issued by Tourism Department to all Hotels to share information of travelers arriving from China & staying in hotels to DHS.
- Daily reporting of situation is sent to MOHFW, Govt. of India.

3. Screening

- Screening of passengers has been started by setting up Health Help desk at International as well as Domestic arrival terminal of Goa International Airport, Dabolim.
- Signages on Novel Coronavirus placed at both these terminals.
- Screening at Mormugao port is done by Port Health Officer.
- Orders issued by Captain of Port to all Shipping agencies regarding surveillance of nCoV at Panaji Port.

4. Isolation Facility:

- 12 bedded isolation Facility for Symptomatic suspects/Cases of nCoV is identified at Goa Medical College, Bambolim. Facilities for Ventilator management of Critical patients available at isolation facility.
- 13 bedded isolation facility for asymptomatic travelers traveling from Wuhan City China is identified at Sub District Hospital, Chicalim.

5. Laboratory Diagnosis:

- Samples of suspects for nCoV are sent to NIV, Pune.

6. Logistics:

- Adequate stock of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), N95 Mask, Triple Layer Mask & Logistics required for referral of samples is available with Directorate of Health Services (DHS).

7. Risk Communication:

- Advisory alongwith guidelines on case definitions, basic infection prevention control measures and standard precautions to be followed during the care & treatment of the suspected patients will be shared with Goa Medical College, District Hospitals, Sub District Hospitals, all Health Officers, Indian Medical Association (IMA) & Major Private Hospitals.
- Orientation of Private Doctors/ Members done by various IMA branches.
- Awareness in General Public is done through following:
 - Press release through information & publicity.
 - Advertisement published in local dailies.

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- Awareness through doordarshan, All India Radio & Big FM.
- Leaflets & FAQ's printed & distributed in General public & schools.
- Press conference held on 28/01/2020 by Secretary (Health).
- Press briefing on daily situation in the State is briefed to mass Media.
- Awareness done by peripheral health units on nCoV & importance of Hand washing.

8. Status as on 03/02/2020

- Total travelers from China :14
- Total suspect admitted at isolation facility :03
- No. of samples sent to NIV, Pune for testing: 05 (3 suspect, 2 close contact).
- Reports from NIV, Pune: 2 Negative, 3 reports awaited.
