Bhubaneswar 03/07/2020,

Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 and Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik extended his best wishes to all on the occasion of 71st 'Vana Mahotsav'. He called upon people to continue planting more seedlings on their own land or nearby lands of the habitations and to take care of the seedlings, for a better and healthy future of our coming generation.

- House to house survey shall be undertaken in rural areas and in slums of urban areas in the coming 45 days. The ASHAs shall collect information regarding health condition of everybody and the persons with Covid/Flue like symptoms shall be taken to Covid Care Home. If tested positive, the patient shall be referred to exclusive Covid Care Hospital for treatment. Persons tested negative should be advised to follow the Quarantine protocol strictly.

- State Government has given paramount importance on tracing, testing and treatment to contain COVID-19. General public is requested not to conceal any symptom and persons even with a minimum symptom should strictly follow Home Quarantine guideline.

- If anybody wants to go for RT-PCR COVID-19 test, they can avail such facility in 4 identified Private Health Institutions i.e. Apollo Hospitals, IMS & SUM Hospital, InDNA Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd and GenX Diagnostics in Bhubaneswar under supervision of RMRC, Bhubaneswar following ICMR guidelines. Government has fixed up the maximum price @ Rs. 2200/- (inclusive of GST and all other incidental charges) for such testing.

- As per direction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, persons who have successfully completed institutional quarantine are being given incentive of Rs.2000/- each. A sum of Rs. 65,07,99,000/- has been paid so far. This amount is given from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

"STAY HOME, STAY SAFE"
In order to ensure public safety and to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus, any business organization/house like Industrial, Construction, Hotels/Hospitality, Contractors (Both Government and Private) etc. shall not bring any worker/labourer from outside the State to Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) jurisdiction area till 31st July, 2020. They are advised to utilize the locally available resources for the time being till 31st July, 2020. In case some business establishments have brought workers/labourers from outside the State in the mean time, they should ensure their quarantine for 14 days from the date of arrival positively. In case some of them develop any symptom, then their test should be conducted by the Business owner at their own cost and they should inform BMC about the result. BMC has issued an order to this effect.

From 2nd July morning to 3rd July morning, 10 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and guidelines related to COVID-19 out of which 7 cases are for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine, 1 case for rumour mongering and 1 case for other issues related to COVID-19. 18 persons have been arrested so far.

Health Update

- Up to midnight of 2nd July, 2,81,523 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 8,106.
- 5,705 persons have already recovered/ discharged. (Persons recover today-203)
- No. of Death case 29.
- No of active cases are 2364.
- 2,567 persons are in Hospital Isolation.

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