NOTIFICATION

Health and Family Welfare Department,
Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.

Dated the, 26th November, 2020.

Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897. No.GP/49/FDC/102020/SFS-16/JH:- WHEREAS the World Health Organisation has declared the "Coronavirus" (COVID-19) as pandemic and as the State of Gujarat is battling an outbreak of "Coronavirus" pandemic, the Government of Gujarat has decided to provide for the effective management of disaster and to take certain measures to prevent the outbreak of "Coronavirus" pandemic;

AND WHEREAS the emergency medical treatment being also a part of disaster management, the Government of Gujarat has considered it expedient in the public interest to make easily available the supply of medical oxygen in hospitals for timely treatment of patients of COVID - 19;

AND WHEREAS the industries have started after the completion of "Lockdown" period in the State and that may adversely affect the supply of medical oxygen to the hospitals in the State of Gujarat;

AND WHEREAS with the increasing cases of COVID-19 the consumption of medical oxygen is going up exponentially and the need thereof will increase many fold in the coming days in the State of Gujarat;

AND WHEREAS the State Government has decided to regulate the production, supply and distribution of oxygen from production units within the State of Gujarat;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (3 of 1897) read with sub-section (l) and clause (l) of sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 (53 of 2005), the Government of Gujarat hereby directs the oxygen production units in the State of Gujarat to,-

- 1. Ensure that production of oxygen is uninterrupted and at their maximum production capacity.
- 2. Use fifty per cent. of production only for medical oxygen and supply the same to the hospitals in State of Gujarat.
- 3. divert only up to fifty per cent of oxygen to the industries for industrial use.
- 4. give priority to supply the oxygen to hospitals vis —a- vis industries in case need arises even if the proportion of medical oxygen goes beyond fifty per cent.

The Commissioner, Health Department and Commissioner, Food and Drugs Control Administration shall be the competent authority at the State level whereas the Assistant Commissioners shall be the competent authority at the field level for the implementation of the above directions.

This notification shall remain in operation till the 31st December, 2020 from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Gujarat,

(Bharat Damor)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Copy To

- Principal Secretary to the His Excellency the Governor of Gujarat, Rajbhavan, Gandhinagar. (By Letter)
- Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat, Swarnim Sankul-1, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- Personal Secretary to the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister (Health), Swarnim Sankul-1, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- Personal Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister of State (Health), Swarnim Sankul-2, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- Additional Chief Secretary Industries and Mines Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- The Commissioner, Health and Medical Services and Medical Educations, 5-J.M. Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, 8-J.M.Bhavan Gandhinagar.
- All the Municipal Commissioners in the State of Gujarat. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- All the Police Commissioners in the State of Gujarat. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- All District Collectors in the State of Gujarat. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- All Deans, Government Medical Colleges. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- All Civil Surgeons, Government of Gujarat. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- All District Health Officers, Government of Gujarat. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- President of Indian Medical Association (State and Districts) [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- System Manager, Health and Family Welfare Department, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar with request to upload this notification on Department's website.

- The Manager, Government Press, Sector-30, Gandhinagar With a request to publish in the Gujarat Government Gazette and to send the 25 copies to Commissioner of Food and Drugs Control Administration, Block-8, Dr. Jivaraj Mehta Bhavan, Gandhinagar.
- Mr.Sanket Tikku, President AIIGMA with request that all production units shall be communicated from your end and create awareness among them regarding complying with the Notification. [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
- Mr.Sanjeev kumar, Nodal officer from Government of India (Gujarat), PESO, Vadodara [Through Commissioner of Food & Drugs Control Administration, Gandhinagar.]
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