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Respected Sir,

As you are aware, Delhi is in the midst of unprecedented COVID surge which has stretched the health infrastructure to the maximum level.

At present, Delhi has 16,272 non-ICU oxygen beds and 4,866 ICU beds. The Delhi Government is creating an additional 15,000 oxygenated non-ICU beds and 1,200 ICU beds which are likely to be operationalized over the next ten days. The work is going on 24X7 on war-footing basis.

On an average, there has been 25,000 new COVID cases every day and about 10% of them require some form of hospitalization including oxygen support.

We are deeply grateful for all the support extended by the Government of India to the Government of NCT of Delhi to augment the supplies of Liquid Medical Oxygen for Delhi's hospitals. ITBP is providing necessary support to Delhi Government and Radha Soami Satsang Beas in setting up 5,000 beds COVID Care Centre at Chhattarpur. DRDO also has set up a COVID Care Facility.

Considering the enormous number of cases, the additional health infrastructure, being set up by the Delhi Government is likely to be filled up as soon as it is ready and we need at least 10,000 oxygenated Non-ICU beds and 1,000 ICU beds at the earliest to overcome this crisis.

Indian Army has always stood at the forefront during every time of crisis, helped and protected the citizens of this Great Nation. I shall be grateful if your Ministry could lend the services of our Armed Forces to set-up, operationalize and run some COVID Health Facilities with about 10,000 oxygenated Non-ICU beds and 1,000 ICU beds. Since the entire health infrastructure machinery is overwhelmed with the management of the existing hospitals and the upcoming COVID Hospitals/Care Centres, it will be a timely help to the people of Delhi if the Ministry of Defence, with the considerable resources at its command, is tasked with the responsibility to provide and man the additional COVID Health Facilities as per the current projections. We also request the Ministry of Defence to make arrangements for supply of medical oxygen for the COVID health facilities to be set up.

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The other major requirement at this moment of crisis is the regular supply of medical oxygen. The Government of India allocates medical oxygen to the various States and Delhi is grateful to the various efforts of the Government of India in augmenting the supply of medical oxygen. From the initial allocation of 378 MT per day, Government of India has increased the allocation to 490 MT on 24th April and thereafter to 590 MT. The additional allocation to Delhi has been made from the plants located more than 1500 KM from Delhi i.e., Durgapur, Rourkela and Kalinga Nagar. The Government of Delhi with necessary help from the Government of India and other State Governments, is augmenting the transport infrastructure by sourcing cryogenic tankers even from abroad. It would be an extraordinary help from our Armed Forces if the Ministry of Defence can provide cryogenic tankers for transport of Liquid Medical Oxygen.

Many smaller hospitals and the new COVID Care Centres set up by the Government operate the oxygenated beds through oxygen cylinders which are in short supply. We also need the help of the Ministry of Defence in procuring about 40,000 D Type medical oxygen cylinders.

The Delhi Government has deployed all available medical professionals in manning the COVID Hospitals and COVID Care Centres. It is also in the process of recruiting retired doctors and para medical teams. Still, the availability is extremely limited considering the huge demand. The Ministry of Defence may also kindly provide medical and para medical teams to supplement the medical manpower of Delhi.

The Government of NCT of Delhi will work in close coordination with the Government of India to overcome the present crisis. The above requirements may be considered on humanitarian grounds in this hour of unprecedented health crisis. The operational details can be mutually worked out after receipt of in-principle approval from the Defence Ministry.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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