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Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, due to rapid rise in COVID-19 cases, there is a significant surge in the demand for medical oxygen in all parts of the country. All our efforts are under way to increase the production and supply of oxygen for medical purposes, and the supply of oxygen has been stopped for industrial purposes except for a few specified industries.

2. It is understood that oxygen generating plants are available in many districts of the country, not necessarily for medical purposes. However, these facilities can be used for supplying oxygen to local hospitals. I would like to request you to have all such facilities mapped immediately. For this, District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners should be asked to list all the plants in which different types of oxygen is generated, including the ones that can be bottled in cylinders, along with the installed capacity. In case some of the plants are closed, those should also be listed and necessary action should be taken for their revival. These efforts will ensure easy availability of oxygen at the district level, besides supply of medical oxygen from usual channels.

3. I would also like to strongly advise that keeping in view the supply constraints, oxygen allocation to various districts/ cities need to be rationalised, keeping in view the number of active cases.

4. I would, therefore, urge you to take immediate actions on the above suggestions and send an action taken report, followed by a status report urgently to MHA. I am sure, these efforts will go a long way in easing the supply of oxygen for management of COVID-19 patients.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Ajay Bhalla)

**Chief Secretaries of All States**