

15th April, 2021

Through e-Mail

**Shri Narendra Modi Ji,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
Government of India.**

Subject: National Health Emergency in light of COVID-21

Respected Hon'ble Prime Minister,

We at the Health Parliament – A Think Tank on Evidence-Based Policymaking, wish to draw your attention to the situation arising due to COVID-21, which is more devastating than the COVID-19.

Considering the gravity of the situation and the likelihood of COVID-21 cases touching between 3 to 5 lac per day or even more, in such a situation, there could be an extreme shortage of medicines, equipment and beds. We have to take planned steps considering the worst possible scenario in mind, and hence, at the Health Parliament, we felt it appropriate to request you to declare National Health Emergency without any further delay. We request you to consider the following steps amongst others;

- Fund the private sector for catering to the needs of medicine, beds and equipment
- Calling in the forces (military) to create temporary hospitals using the vast railways and the train network. Synergies with Container Corporation of India should be explored for setting up temporary facilities.
- Order the PSUs in pharmaceuticals and the hospital construction (HCC) sector to manufacture according to the needs and factor in extra capacity.
- If some medicines are covered by patents, please use the clause of compulsory licensing to start manufacturing these medicines.
- We urge you to allocate medicines through AMRUT & Jan Aushadi stores, and the e-prescriptions should be allowed to be serviced by postal services and courier, so that we restrict people's movement and urge them to stay indoors.
- Though medicine exports have been stopped, any vaccine export and other related equipment be stopped with immediate effect.
- Time restrictions on shops and establishments and transport be lifted for essential supplies.

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We hope that, given the seriousness of the situation, you will take immediate actions without any further delay. Unprecedented situations call for unprecedented steps. Given your global leadership for the last few years in bringing glory to India and Indians, we all look forward to your guidance and leadership to outlast this COVID-21.

The National Health Emergency will give the central government the ability to garner resources and galvanise stakeholders for the necessary steps else the situation may go out of control.

We are sure you will take decisive steps without any delay, lead us at this most trying time, and show the world the path to handle the COVID-21.

We remain at your disposal for any further details or clarification and support.

Best regards,



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