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D.O. No. 1920764/2020/Imm.

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Dear Colleague,

Please refer to the D.O letter No. 1920764/2020/Imm., dated 23rd April 2021, vide which the detailed clarifications were issued for implementation of the phase III of the vaccination drive from 1st May 2021. A copy of the said letter is enclosed for ready reference (Annexure I).

2. Please also refer to the email dated 13th May 2021, regarding onboarding of private COVID Vaccination Centers (CVCs) on CoWIN under the Liberalised Pricing and Accelerated National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy, vide which the list of private hospitals to whom vaccine doses had been supplied, was shared with observations. A copy of the said email is enclosed herewith for ready reference (Annexure II).

3. The CoWIN team has taken further updates on the supplies status as on 14th May and undertook some further enquiries from the state teams and the private hospitals to assess the extent of onboarding of such private hospitals on CoWIN. The list of such hospitals and the status of the extent to which these private hospitals have started providing vaccination from 1st May to 14th May, is also enclosed herewith (Annexure III).

4. Following observations are derived from the lists made available by manufacturers, the enquiries done by the CoWIN team and the status of vaccination as available on CoWIN as on 14th May 2021 –

- a) Some of the hospitals that have procured vaccines are not yet registered on CoWIN. Hence, they must be helped to get registered on CoWIN without any delay.
- b) Only 17 Hospitals, each for COVAXIN and COVISHIELD, have started vaccination out of 50 that have procured COVAXIN and 140 that have procured COVISHIELD. All balance hospitals must be facilitated and monitored to ensure that all of them should start vaccination using the existing doses.
- c) Against the supplied quantity of 3,79,800 doses of COVAXIN, all have been received by the 50 hospitals. However, only 17 hospitals have administered 23,458 COVAXIN doses. The speed of vaccination by all such private hospitals needs to be encouraged.

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- d) Against the supplied quantity of 30.00 lakh doses of COVISHIELD, only 17 hospitals have administered 24,527 COVISHIELD doses. This needs to be improved.
- e) It is also observed from CoWIN data that many private hospitals have been de-activated by the DIOs post 30th April 2021; and of the remaining active private CVCs only very few have started vaccination. This issue must be reviewed by all State/UT Governments and resolved.
- f) It is also observed that, there are a few hospitals where enquiries suggest that the hospitals are providing vaccination in offline mode. This must be stopped forthwith. All vaccinations by the private hospitals must be captured through CoWIN.
5. In light of the above, it is requested that States/UTs may actively engage with private providers to ensure that -
- I. All private hospitals procuring vaccines must be registered on CoWIN and the user credentials for the Site/CVC manager are issued immediately. The time line of 2 days as prescribed in para 1.4 of the letter referred to in para 1 of this letter must be adhered to.**
 - II. All private hospitals must publish vaccination schedule commensurate with the vaccine doses procured by them sufficiently in advance to provide visibility of appointment slots to citizens.**
 - III. The private hospitals must be advised to start vaccination services immediately as soon as they procure vaccine doses. Any sedimentation of vaccine doses should not be allowed to happen.**
 - IV. The CVC status for all such hospitals must be made "Active" so that the hospitals can start the vaccination as soon as they procure vaccine doses.**
 - V. All Private CVCs must be advised that it is mandatory for them to offer vaccination services only through CoWIN and that they must not provide any "Offline" services, as in such cases the beneficiaries will not get the vaccination certificate. All such instances may be promptly enquired into and suitable action may be taken to facilitate onboarding of such hospitals on CoWIN. Suitable exemplary action may also be taken against hospitals not complying with this condition.**
 - VI. The Private CVCs must declare the vaccines and prices on CoWIN. The Private CVCs must also be advised that they may charge only to the extent of prices as declared on CoWIN.**
 - VII. Support may be provided in terms of training etc. to the private hospitals being newly onboarded.**


VIII. Suitable IEC may also be done to inform the citizens that they must seek a vaccination certificate from the vaccination centre, including private vaccination centers, before leaving.

6. I request you to please review these points and set up suitable coordination mechanisms to ensure that there are no pendencies on these points at any level. The private hospitals and their representative organizations may be suitably advised and facilitated to procure vaccines and start vaccination services. The district officials may also be suitably instructed to ensure that onboarding, registration and activation of the private and Industrial CVCs is done without delay.

Encl: As above.

warm regards

Yours sincerely


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To,

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