

Dear Colleagues,

In relation to home quarantine facility which has been setup in Senior Secondary School in our campus, I would like to clarify some of the doubts that many of you may have and request you to kindly communicate the same to staff members of your Division.

1. This is only a Institutional Quarantine Facility/ Home Quarantine, dealing with people of very low risk group, which are non-symptomatic. They may not have sufficient isolation within home like many of us who are privileged to have, for example, a maid working in house where house lady was found positive and she does not have required isolation in her home, although she does not have any symptom. Their situation is more like servant quarters in bungalow in our campus or Janak Vihar or construction worker in our campus opposite CPWD.

2. It is our moral duty and responsibility to cooperate with the Govt. in managing this not only national but a global disaster.

3. We have taken all precautions to watch and restrict the movement of inmates, doctors, security staff deployed for the purpose within and outside school gate by fixing CCTV and IARI security staff and designating movement route from main gate to School via first right turn before Syndicate Bank and then second left turn straight to school and blocking all intersections, keeping isolated the dispensary, mother dairy complex etc.

4. I have been assured by Mr. Kartikayen, the Additional District Magistrate, who is responsible for Delhi Disaster Management programme that his people will follow complete safety protocols. I am forwarding his messages to you for your assurance.

5. Having said that, I would like to add that we tried our level best taking the matter to the Apex level ie. our Hon'ble Ministers, Secretary, Agriculture, through our DG Sir, even the PMO through Member, NITI Aayog, I personally wrote to DC, Residents Association and PGSSU wrote to CM. All possible avenues were tried to see if this could be shifted to other place but we could not succeed. Since, National Disaster Act is invoked for dealing with this crisis, it is collective responsibility of all citizens to cooperate with Govt.

6. Yesterday, I received an order from Mr. Kartikayen, ADM, Delhi Govt., informing that a decision has been taken to setup Institutional Quarantine in Pusa Senior Secondary School with copy to Secretary, Health and other related officials. The order further says that non-compliance by anyone concerned directly or indirectly for facilitating this activity shall attract action under Indian Penal Code 1860, Disaster Management Act 2005 and Epidemic Disease Management Act 1890.

I request each one of you to extend full cooperation, stay in home, stay safe, which you all have done so far so well and result is that we are not one of those who are in home quarantine away from home. God bless you all.

With kind regards.

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