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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19, Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Information & Public Relations Department, Smt. Sujata R. Karthikeyan, Commissioner-cum- Director, Mission Shakti briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha for prevention of COVID-19.

- As it has been found that in many cases persons under quarantine are testing COVID-19 positive after the quarantine period of 14 days, keeping the same in view and guidelines laid down by Government of India, in consultation with Health Experts and considering various reports about COVID-19 incubation period, the State Government has increased the quarantine period from 14 days to 28 days for all the people returning to Odisha. This point was once again emphasized by Sri Subrato Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19. However, depending on satisfactory conduct during the institutional quarantine and health condition after 21 days of mandatory institutional quarantine, the quarantinee may be allowed Home Quarantine for remaining 7 days. During Home Quarantine, the concerned person shall strictly follow the prescribed protocol.
- There has been increase in number of COVID-19 positive cases in last few days. However, there is no reason to panic as these cases have been mostly detected in the Quarantine Centres. It may be noted that all returnees from different States are being directly taken to Quarantine Centres where they have to spend mandatory quarantine period as indicated above.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik highly appreciated the selfless service, enthusiasm and sincerity of mothers of Mission Shakti Self Help Groups for their active participation in Food Security and Social Security Programmes during extra ordinary situation of COVID-19 lockdown.
- 7127 SHGs have provided 1.56 Crore meals, involving themselves in preparation of cooked food both in rural and urban areas so far. They have provided 2.05 Lakh meals to Aahar Kendras in municipal areas. Similarly, they have provided meals to 44,832 patients in different hospitals. Keeping in view the contribution of mothers in providing Food Security to destitute and helpless people in such difficult situation of COVID-19, Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced incentive of Rs.2/- per meal for them.

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- During Lock Down, 1242 Self Help Groups have prepared more than 40 Lakh masks. About 8000 members are providing dry ration and vegetables through 595 ration shops and 154 mobile vans. So far, 15,274 quintals of vegetable and dry ration have been sold by them.
- Apart from their active role during Lock Down with devotion and sincerity, around 70 Lakh mothers of Mission Shakti Self Help Groups are also involved in economic activities such as fish farming, mushroom farming, dairy farming, supply of Take Home Ration (THR) to Anganwadi Centers, management of farm ponds and fair price shops under public distribution system.
- During Lock Down period, mothers of Mission Shakti have been provided with credit assistance to the tune of Rs. 145 crores in zero interest through linkage with different Banks from the month of April till date.
- The Mission Director, Mission Shakti requested all Self Help Group members to lead the fight against COVID-19 in their respective villages by keeping their family members away from the Quarantine Centre and by not allowing the returnees to visit their home without spending the mandatory quarantine period in the Quarantine Centre.
- As per the instruction of Hon'ble Chief Minister, steps are being taken to ramp up the testing facility in the State. As a superlative performance, more than 1000 samples have been tested yesterday in SCB Medical College & Hospital, Cuttack.
- Health & Family Welfare Department conducted a Webinar for Private Practitioners/ESI Hospitals on COVID-19 management at Telemedicine Centre, SCB, Medical College, Cuttack. More than 250 Doctors participated in the programme and cleared their queries.
- Odia brothers and sisters are returning Odisha every day since 3rd May. 6340 Odia people have returned to Odisha today. So far 52,723 Odias have returned to Odisha. Returnees are coming by train/bus and other vehicles.
- 14,308 Temporary Medical Centres/Camps have been readied in 6798 Gram Panchayats of the State. In all these Centres, total no. of 5,75,215 beds have been arranged to provide COVID-19 health services in rural areas.
- Today, 3,18,630 destitute and helpless persons have been provided with food in 4994 Gram Panchayats. Similarly, in 114 ULBs 35,154 persons have been provided with food.
- From 8th May morning to 9th May morning, 31 no of cases have been registered by the Police in the state for violation of different regulations and

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guidelines related to COVID-19 of which 28 no. of cases for violation of lock down, 1 case for violation of Home Quarantine, 1 case for rumour mongering and 1 case for other issues related to COVID-19. 49 persons have been arrested by police for different violations.

### **Health Update**

- Up to midnight of 8th May, 56,322 samples have been tested.
- Number of Positive Cases stands 294.
- 68 persons have already recovered/ discharged.
- No. of Death case 2.
- No of active cases are 224.
- 343 persons are in hospital isolation.

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