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Sri Subroto Bagchi, Chief Spokesperson of Govt. of Odisha on COVID-19 briefed the Press about steps taken by Government of Odisha in light of prevention of COVID-19.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has expressed his heartfelt thanks to the officers and employees of Police and Energy Departments for their sincere cooperation during lock down period. Hon'ble Chief Minister has also hoped for similar cooperation and dedication during lock down period in coming days in order to make the Government's proactive measure a success.
- Government of Odisha has directed that provision of required man power for different activities to counter COVID-19, procurement of materials for temporary health camps, provision for infrastructure including toilets for the temporary health camps, hiring of ambulances and other vehicles for transportation of patients, provision of food, drinking water, clinic, watch and ward etc. and provision of similar facilities/requirements for isolation center are to be added in the admissible project list of rules and procedure for sanction of MLA LAD funds 1997.
- Transferred Government employees have been directed to join at their place of posting within 48 hours. Otherwise action will be taken against them.
- Government of Odisha has issued an order for immediate stoppage of all construction works across the State except construction work for health facilities and works related to COVID-19.

- Government of Odisha has empowered all the Collectors and District Magistrates, all Municipal Commissioners, all Executive Officers of ULBs, as the case may be for home delivery of Pensions and PDS to the beneficiaries.

### **Health Update**

- As on 12 noon today, 110 samples were sent for COVID-19 examination and reports of all the samples have been obtained. No new positive case found. Thus positive case stands at 2.
  - Health of 2 identified patients is asymptomatic and stable. They are taking normal diet supplied by respective hospitals.
  - It is reported that 57 persons had come in contact with the COVID-19 patient. Communication has been made with 54 persons while effort is on to communicate with rest 3 persons.
  - 9 nos of monitoring teams are working for the purpose.
  - 3861 persons have been registered through 104 Helpline and portal.
  - 45 persons are in Hospital Isolation.
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- State Government has given orders that employees who feel unwell due to symptoms of Novel Corona Virus should leave workplace and avail home quarantine for a period of 14 days.
  - It has been decided to grant commuted leave without production of medical certificate to those officials who are above 50 years of age and have underlying conditions like diabetes , respiratory problems, renal disease, heart disease and other life threatening illness for a period up to 4th April, so as to avoid unnecessary burden on the health care system.

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