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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.

- In view of challenging COVID-19 situation and impact on livelihood of poor people Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has announced a package of Rs.2200 crore for welfare of poor people. Under the package, 94 lakh beneficiaries under food security cover will be given ration for 3 months in advance and they will be given Rs. 1000/- each. Rs. 940 crore will be spent for the purpose. 48 lakh beneficiaries under different Social Security Schemes will be given 4 months' pension in advance for which Rs. 932 crore will be spent. Similarly, Rs. 330 crore will be given to 22 lakh registered construction workers @Rs. 1500/-.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik yesterday had made a request to all the Chief Ministers to extend required food, medicines etc. to the Odias who are stranded in various states. Hon'ble CM has also requested to all Odia Associations in these states to come forward to help the fellow Odias. He has assured reimbursement of the cost from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- State Government has declared COVID-19 as State Disaster and instructed different authorities to manage the situation according Disaster Management Act-2005.
- Food and shelter have been ensured for around 5547 workers from other states stranded in Odisha during lock down in 36 Camps. These workers are from Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Kerala, Telengana, Punjab, Delhi, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Naveen Patnaik has appreciated and expressed thanks to the media for their responsible work during extraordinary situation of COVID-19.

### **Health Update**

- As of 1PM today, 256 samples were sent for COVID-19 test and reports of 189 samples have been obtained. One new positive case found. Thus positive case stands at 3.
- Health condition of 2 identified patients is stable. The last case detected yesterday is having symptoms and under treatment. All are taking normal hospital diet.
- It is reported that 55 persons had come in contact with the first 2 COVID-19 positive cases and all are under tracking. Contacts of last case are being traced.
- 100 nos of monitoring teams are working for the purpose across the State, including 10 teams in Bhubaneswar.
- 4495 persons have been registered through 104 Helpline and portal.
- 37 persons are in Hospital Isolation.

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