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Varanasi – 221004**

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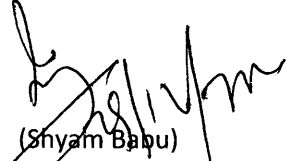
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All Concerned  
BLW/Varanasi & Sealdah  
BLW Camp Office-New Delhi

Sub: - Preventive Measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 new variant Omicron – reg.

A copy of Railway Board's Letter Nos. 2021/H-1/7/24 dated 30-11-2021 & 27-12-2021 are forwarded herewith for information and guidance.

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Dy. Chief Personnel Officer(HQ)  
For General Manager (P)

Copy for information and necessary action :-

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RAJESH BHUSHAN, IAS  
SECRETARY

D.O No. Z.28015/185/2021-DMC  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

*Dear Sir,*

A highly mutated SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.529, named Omicron) has been reported from South Africa on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The number of cases of this variant appears to be increasing in almost all provinces in South Africa and several other countries. Preliminary evidence suggests an increased risk of transmissibility, reinfection and immune escape with this variant, as compared to other Variants of Concern.

2. In this context, the travel advisory for international arrival was revised by this Ministry on 28.11.21 and accordingly certain countries have been placed in the category of 'at-risk' countries for additional follow up measures of international travelers coming from these countries. Given the public health implications of this mutant variant, in order to minimize the ingress of this variant into the country, it is essential that the surveillance across the country is geared up for rigorous follow up of all international travelers particularly from "At-Risk" countries and trains running to neighbouring countries etc.

3. In view of the above, Ministry of Railways is requested to ensure strict implementation of MoHFW's travel advisory for international arrival (available at: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/GuidelinesforInternationalarrival28112021.pdf>).

4. In this regard you are requested to coordinate with State Health Authorities of the concerned States/UTs in carrying out strict health screening of incoming international passengers, testing of international passengers and referrals of suspect/confirmed cases. It may also be ensured that COVID Appropriate Behavior is strictly followed including physical distancing protocols to avoid congestion at the railway stations serving to international travelers.

5. Further, effective implementation of guidelines related with adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour by Railways is crucial to ensure that the infection spread is contained while network of trains is operating across the country. In that context, it is reiterated that in trains and at railway stations required follow up of COVID appropriate behaviour i.e. use of masks, physical distancing norms and proper facilities to facilitate respiratory/hand hygiene are coordinated and monitored.

6. We look forward to your continued support in this collective fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

*Warm Regards.*

Yours sincerely



(Rajesh Bhushan)

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New Delhi dated 30.11.2021.

*BLW*  
The General Managers,  
All Indian Railways/PUs,  
DG/RDSO &  
CAO/DMW/RWP.

Sub: - Covid-19 new Variant Omicron-reg.

A new mutation of SARS-CoV-2 variant (B.1.1.529; named **Omicron**) has been reported from South Africa on 24th November 2021. WHO has designated this variant as a new Variant of Concern (VoC).

In view of the above Variant the following measures are suggested to ensure preparedness of railways:-

1. Pending PSA plants to be commissioned at the earliest. Also monitor proper functioning and maintenance of PSA plants and ventilators. Sufficient stock of filled oxygen cylinders to be maintained.
2. Buffer stock of covid-19 medicines and required PPE, testing materials lasting for at least one month.
3. Availability of Covid-19 beds both ICU & non ICU along with special reference to paediatric requirement should be done. If required more number of Covid-19 screening OPD's should be run.
4. It be ensured that Vaccination to be done all railway beneficiaries on fast track. Involve welfare staffs, union office bearers etc, for motivating people to take their vaccination.
5. Testing, Tracing, Treatment and Vaccination to be carried out.
6. IEC material at different places for following Covid-19 protocols.
7. To maintain liaison and work closely with State and other concerned authorities for any advisory instructions issued time to time for management of Omicron variant / Covid-19 patients.
8. All medical infrastructure to be reviewed closely and periodic checks and evaluation be done to fill any short comings.
9. Regular training of Healthcare staffs regarding current management/protocol for treatment of Covid 19 patients including medical equipments.

Necessary action may please be taken in this regard.

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