No. 22B(07)/2020/WE/D(Res-1) Government of India Ministry of Defence (Department of Ex Servicemen Welfare)

Room No. 221, B wing Sena Bhawan, New Delhi-110011

Dated 07 September, 2020

To,
The Chief of Army Staff
The Chief of Naval Staff
The Chief of Air Staff

Subject:

ECHS EMPANELMENT OF PRIVATE HOSPTIALS DESIGNATED BY STATE GOVT FOR COVID-19 TREATMENT BY LOCAL FORMATION COMMANDERS.

Sanction of Competent Authority is herby accorded to GOC Sub Area/ Area and equivalent to empanel with ECHS, hospitals designated as COVID hospitals by State Governments, in places where, ECHS empanelled COVID designated hospitals are not available.

- 2. Following waivers to MOA issued vide Govt of India, Ministry of Defence letter No. 22B (04)/2010/US (WE) D (Res-1) dated 18^{th} February 2011 are approved solely for this purpose.
 - (a) Waiver for empanelment of Non QCI/Non NABH/Non NABL/ Non CGHS HCOs.
 - (b) Waiver for adhering to furnish PBG as per current amount (reduce PBG amount to Rs. 2 Lakh only)
- 3. The rates applicable for treatment of COVID-19 cases would be as per rates notified by MoD.
- 4. The hospitals which are notified by States Govt. for treatment of COVID-19 patients and who are willing to get Empanelled with ECHS on temporary basis initially for a period of six months subject to review of the COVID situation by the Competent Authority would be eligible for temporary empanelment, irrespective of whether they are certified by QCI/NABH/NABL or not.
- 5. The hospitals which are temporarily empanelled would be allowed to get there billing work outsourced.

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- 6. The MoA to be entered into with these hospitals would be the same as is presently in force with suitable changes relating to signing by authorities other than the Director, Regional Centre, ECHS.
- 7. The RC would give an advertisement indicating that all Hospitals declared by State Governments as COVID treatment centres may apply to the authorities indicated in the advertisement by e-mail.
- 8. The application form for empanelment would be simplified seeking only required enclosures.
- 9. The empanelment of hospitals will be only for testing of covid infection, treatment of COVID-19 and treatment of comorbidities and will be for a maximum period of six months and will be renewed/ extended based on COVID-19 situations.
- 10. This issue with concurrence of MoD (Finance/Pension) vide there I D. No.32(10)/2020/FIN/PEN dated 21.8.2020

Your faithfully

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