Dear All,

As you all are aware that the COVID-19 pandemic is throwing up unique challenges for our health systems. It is also leading to particular challenges of not only ensuring the adequate supply of oxygen but also protocols related with handling the major sources of supplies.

Keeping above facts in mind, guidelines have been prepared by incorporating the major sources for supply of oxygen, oxygen system component, normative requirement of quantity of oxygen and precautions required for handling the oxygen cylinder including disinfecting cylinders right from filling point to transportation, loading, unloading, use, exchange, carriage in the hospitals and in critical care facilities. All concerned hospitals and staff must be informed to ensure timely requisitions and payments so that there is no disruption in oxygen supplies.

I am enclosing the control room emergency contact numbers of All India Industrial Gases Manufacturers’ Association and States / UTs can contact this control room directly in case of any difficulty or clarification.

I am sure that State/UT Government will find this brief and relevant guideline useful and disseminate this to all the health facilities handling COVID-19 patients.

Enclosure: as above

with warm regards

Yours sincerely,

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