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No. MRMU/Covid-19/Staff Welfare /2 To The General Manager, Metro Railway, Kolkata.

Date:- 26.04.2021

Dear Sir,

Sub:- Covid 2<sup>nd</sup> wave-Preventive measures -Reg.

You are aware that the effect of the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave of the Covid-19 virus in its mutated more aggressive form has been devastating. The nation is **reeling** under its onslaught.

Despite the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave proving to be more lethal and the nation seeing more number of deaths, little has been done to equip the Railways to face the crisis . it has been reported that about 1,00,000 Railway employees have been infected throughout Indian Railways and more than 1,000 have died.

In Metro Railway also no of Covid positive employees and their families have been increasing in every hour/every day. The critically infected employees have been facing lack of ICU or semi ICU in the hospital at TSMH. There are only 40 beds in the Covid ward. There is no facility of ICU or semi ICU in the hospital which is a must for the treatment of critical Covid patient. The hospital is ill equipped with even trained paramedical staff, doctor, nurse to handle the ventilation machines available at disposal. Report of death of patients for lack of improved life support system have traumatised all associated with the system. The BRSH is almost near collapse. As there in no tie up with any hospital for Covid-19 treatment, it has become impossible to get treatment.

We would like to suggest:

- Immediate arrangement of necessary infrastructure including trained manpower to start ICU/semi ICU facility for critical Covid patient on war footing basis.
- 2. Immediate procurement of necessary plant and equipment to augment the capacity of treatment.
- 3. As vaccination is the only resort which can protect from the severity of the virus, intensive vaccination may kindly be intitiated in the every working spots viz Metro Bhavan, Noapara, Kavi Subhas, Saltlake cardepot, Belgachia qtrs, Tol.Qtrs, DumDum Qtrs in co-ordination with state government or private hospitals from 1<sup>st</sup>. May onwards. TSMH is now over crowded spot for vaccination.

You may kindly advise PCMD /ER (who also head TSMH)and PCMO/Metro to co-ordinate to implement above suggestions.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Sisir Ch. Mazumder)
. General Secretary