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D.O. No. 7/2/2020-MIV

Sub: Relaxation in utilization of fund under District Mineral Foundation (DMF) for activities taken up to combat COVID-19 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP).

Dear Madam/Sir,

Please refer to Ministry of Mines D.O. dt. 28.03.2020 and 11.06.2020 to all State Governments for utilizing up to 30% of the funds available under DMF as on 28.03.2020 for supplementing and augmenting facilities of medical testing, screening and other requirements in connection with the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 pandemic as well as for treating the patients affected with COVID-19 pandemic. In continuation of the above directives, it is decided to clarify that medical infrastructure includes oxygen plants and cylinders. Further, it also decided to allow purchase of approved medicines and consumables for treatment of COVID-19 through DMF under the above scheme. Accordingly, Para 5 (a) and (b) of the D.O. letter 7/2/2020-MIV dt. 28.03.2020 is amended as below:

1. Para 5 (a) & (b) of D.O. letter no 7/2/2020-MIV dt. 28.03.2020 is further amended as under:

a. It is to be ensured that the expenditure related to COVID-19 does not exceed thirty (30) percent of the balance funds available with DMF as on 31.03.2021.

b. Funds can be utilized for purchase/installation of necessary medical equipment/s or creation of medical infrastructure including Oxygen plant, Oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators as per the guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in all districts having DMF. Fund can also be used for purchase of approved medicines and consumables for treatment of COVID-19 in Government Hospitals in mining affected areas, if other available funds are not sufficient as certified by the District Magistrate.

3. All other conditions of the DO dated 28.03.2020 and 11.06.2020 shall remain unchanged.

With regards,

Yours sincerely.

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To

Chief Secretary, All State Governments