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Stitching masks by RSETI
institutes
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Dear Chief Secretary,

You may be aware that Ministry of Rural Development is supporting a Bank led intervention called Rural Self-Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) for skill development of rural poor youth for self-employment throughout the Country. So far 585 such RSETIs have been established and are functional in different Districts of the Country. The RSETIs are providing trainings in 61 National Skill Qualifications Framework (NSQF) aligned courses to various candidates. One of the very popular courses being run in RSETIs is Sewing Machine Operators (SMO). A large number of trainees have been trained under this course in almost all RSETIs and have subsequently started working on their own.

One such RSETI in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, has engaged some of its ex-trainees to take up work of stitching masks for use in fight against Coronavirus Pandemic in coordination with District authority. If this activity is replicated around all RSETIs in the country, it is likely to have a positive impact on fight against the current Pandemic.

I would like to take this opportunity to advise you to take up this matter on a priority basis with State Rural Livelihood Mission and District Collectors /Magistrates to motivate and facilitate stitching of masks by Ex-trainees of RSETIs, as well as the SHGs. As the trainings presently have been stopped in all RSETIs across the country because of the nationwide lock down, ex-trainees can be advised to use RSETI buildings for such activities if feasible. However, social distancing and all other prescribed precautionary measures should be ensured for all to be involved in this activity.

Yours sincerely


(Rajesh Bhushan)

To

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs.

Copy for taking up with RSETIs and respective Banks to:
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Advisory on use of Homemade Protective Cover for Face & Mouth

1. We are aware that social distancing and personal hygiene are keys to prevent COVID 19 infections. Certain countries have claimed benefits of homemade face cover for the general public. Such homemade face cover is a good method for maintaining personal hygiene. Such usage certainly will help in maintaining overall hygienic health conditions.
2. Therefore, it is suggested that such people who are not suffering from medical conditions or having breathing difficulties may use the handmade reusable face cover, particularly when they step out of their house. This will help in protecting the community at large.
3. This face cover is not recommended for either health workers or those working with or in contact with COVID 19 patients or are patients themselves as these categories of people are required to wear specified protective gear.
4. It is advised that two sets of such face covers be made so that one can be washed while the other is used. Hand washing would still remain essential criteria and hand should be washed before wearing the face cover. Such face covers should also not be thrown anywhere but kept safely, washed properly with soap and hot water and dried properly before they are used.
5. These face covers could be made out of clean cloth available at home, which needs to be thoroughly cleaned and washed before a face cover is stitched/made. The face cover should be prepared in such a manner that it can cover the mouth and nose completely and can be tied over the face easily.

6. There must not be a sharing of face covers and a face cover must be used by only one individual. So, in a family of several members, each member should have a separate face cover.

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