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**CM reviews coronavirus Coronavirus containment measures at NHM HQ**

**State Govt is working towards alleviating distress of state's people stuck outside: CM**

**Dispur, April 19:** Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal today held a review meeting at the National Health Mission, Assam Head Office in the city which has been made the control room for fighting coronavirus. Appreciating the roles played by Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Minister of State for Health Pijush Hazarika, the Chief Minister said that the timely and the swift action taken by the health department has instilled a sense of belief and confidence among the people of the state to succeed against coronavirus.

Saying that the help department has showed exemplary performance by setting up infrastructure, arranging logistics etc in a record time, the Chief Minister said that he himself witnessed the upbeat mood among the health workers because of these decisive and timely steps taken by the health department. He urged the health department officials to carry on this momentum so that victory can be achieved over COVID-19.

Later talking to the newsmen at the NHM premises, Sonowal said that state government was very much concerned about the people from Assam stuck in different states of the country and abroad and has taken several steps to alleviate their difficulties. The Chief Minister himself had talked to his counterparts in different states and requested them to provide food, medical facilities etc. to the people from Assam stranded in those states due to lockdown. The state government has provided \$1,000 each to 230 people from Assam stranded abroad and provided Rs. 25000 each to 610 people undergoing treatment in other states for cancer, kidney and heart ailments during the lockdown, he said.

Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma gave a detailed presentation about the various activities being carried out to contain coronavirus outbreak in the state and said that Assam would face a critical phase in this fight when people would start coming back to State after lockdown. Informing about the formulation of Quarantine Release Policy and setting up of Quarantine Discharge Board in the state, the Health Minister said that the Health department has taken steps for providing medicine at the door steps of people in the coming days.

Notably, a total of 4742 people in the state have been tested for COVID-19 and out of that 34 have been identified as coronavirus infected while 4408 people were detected as negative and results of 300 people were awaited. A total of 3338 beds are being kept ready for coronavirus patients in the government and private hospitals in the state out of these 456 beds are in ICU while 303 are in ventilation facilities.

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Media Advisor to the Chief Minister Hrishikesh Goswami, Legal Advisor to the Chief Minister Santanu Bharali, MoS for health Pijush Hazarika MLA Bimal Bora and other top officials of NHM and health department were present in the meeting.

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