

## **PRESS RELEASE**

------

Press Release No. 140/2020

## Assam government sends letter to all State governments for wellbeing of people of Assam in their states

Sonowal interacts with ASHA workers in Goalpara en route his visit to Bongaigaon

## Takes stock of measures to prevent outbreak of COVID 19 in Bongaigaon

Dispur, March 30: In an attempt to ensure secured refuge along with other basic necessities of the people of Assam staying in other states during lockdown period, Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal informed that State government has written letters to different State governments for their safety and security.

Chief Minister Sonowal made this statement while talking to reporters in Bongaigaon today during his visit to the district to assess the measures taken by Bongaigaon administration to prevent any outbreak of novel corona virus in the district. Chief Minister Sonowal visited Bongaigaon Civil Hospital where he made on the spot assessment of different measures put in place for COVID 19.

Chief Minister Sonowal also held a review meeting at the conference hall of DC office, Bongaigaon, where he took stock of measures adopted by the district administration to fight against the outbreak of corona virus. Sonowal took stock of the steps taken by the hospitals in public and private sectors. He also emphasised on taking preventive steps by different departments of the government including social welfare, public health engineering, food, civil supplies and consumer affairs and others and took stock of the measures taken by them. He also stressed on generating large-scale mass awareness so that people at large adhere to social distancing and avoid social gathering.

Chief Minister Sonowal asked Deputy Commissioner, Bongaigaon Dr. M.S. Laxmipriya to enforce 21 day lock down call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bongaigaon district and provide all essential services to the public during the time of lockdown. Sonowal also stressed on giving dew recognition to emergency personnel including doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, police personnel, cleanliness workers etc who have been working day in and day out during the lock down period. He also asked the DC to have regular monitoring of the situation during lock down.

Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Phani Bhusan Chowdhury, MLA Bimal Bora, DC Dr. M.S. Laxmipriya, superintendent of police, heads of different departments were present during the meeting.

Chief Minister Sonowal during his visit also had a brief interaction with the local journalists where he made an appeal to everybody to adhere to the lockdown. Terming the

violations took place during lock down period in several as unfortunate, Sonowal said that such aberrations may lead to unnecessary health hazards in the state.

Earlier, Chief Minister Sonowal met Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) at Agia in Goalpara district en route his visit to Bongaigaon. The ASHA workers deputed on duty to look after quarantine centre had interacted with the Chief Minister. Sonowal thanked the ASHA workers for working whole heartedly during the time of this emergency.

PD/SD/ March 30, 2020.