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Assam to continue 16 metric tonne of medical oxygen supply to Meghalaya uninterrupted

Chief Minister. Sarma requests his Meghalaya counterpart to ensure seamless transportation of essential items to Barak Valley through Meghalaya

Assam is ready to play role of medical oxygen hub for North East: Sarma

Dispur, May 18: Extending Assam's cooperation to Meghalaya in its fight against COVID 19 pandemic and intensifying the joint cooperation to contain the spread of the infection, Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma told his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad Sangma that the current mechanism of supplying 12-16 Metric tonne of Medical Oxygen to Meghalaya from the oxygen generation plants and oxygen storage points of Assam will continue without interruption as long as the situation permits.

Talking to the Chief Minister Meghalaya over video conference today in presence of senior government officers to discuss the prevailing COVID scenario in both Assam and Meghalaya, Chief Minister Sarma said that Assam would continue to supply Meghalaya 16 metric tonne of medical oxygen per day from Amingaon and Bongaigaon as long as the situation demands. Reiterating Assam's role to contain the COVID pandemic in the North East and play a major part, Sarma said that a certain number of oxygen cylinders shall be kept ready for Meghalaya to be released as and when required.

Moreover, both the states agreed that Assam shall serve the whole of North Eastern region as the medical oxygen hub with optimum utilization of its oxygen storage and transportation facilities. Sarma said that Assam will collect the Liquid Oxygen from Liquid Medical Oxygen production units outside the region and store in the facilities in the state, from where all other North Eastern state can take oxygen as per their need.

Chief Minister Sarma also requested Conrad Sagma to ensure smooth transportation of goods and passenger vehicles from Brahmaputra valley to Barak valley through Meghalaya. It may be noted that as Meghalaya is having five thousand numbers of active cases and some parts of the state are going for complete lockdown, Meghalaya Government assured that transportation of essential items to Barak Valley will be seamless and uninterrupted.

On the request of Chief Minister Meghalaya, Dr. Sarma said that in order to complete the second dose of vaccination of COVAXIN for a few individuals who had taken their first dose from outside Meghalaya, Government of Assam will give 100 doses of Covaxin in exchange of similar quantity of Covishield.

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