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*Dear Sir / Madam,*

This is with reference to the DO letter of even number dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 pertaining to decentralization of procurement for laboratory consumables under NTEP.

2. It is learnt that few States have not yet started the procurement process and could face potential shortage of CBNAAT cartridges & other Lab consumables. In the absence of CBNAAT cartridges & other lab consumables, the diagnostics process and treatment of TB patients getting effected/delayed. It is also learnt that sufficient stock of Truenat Chips is available which can be used optimally as molecular diagnostics under NTEP. To avoid any risk of shortage of lab consumables and to ensure the uninterrupted diagnostics & treatment of TB patients under NTEP, States are requested to expedite the procurement process of CBNAAT cartridge & Lab consumables at State level as per requirement.

3. The procurement of lab consumables at the State level may be done through the budget already approved under the relevant FMR (6.1.6.3- Procurement of Laboratory Materials) in the PIP for 2021-22. The process for procurement may be urgently initiated & may not wait for formal ROP approvals.

*With warm regards,*

Yours sincerely

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