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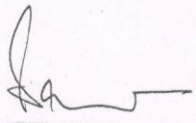
October 29, 2020

NOTE

**Sub.:** **Compliance of Hon'ble High Court Order dated 20.10.2020 in WP (C) 3031/2020 titled Rakesh Malhotra vs GNCTD & Ors.**

We have received a letter No. F.PA/SS-II/COVID-19/H&FW/2020/Pt.-I/231 dated 28.10.2020 from Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on the above subject. The same is forwarded herewith for your perusal and compliance.

Encl.: As above.

  
(P.R. Santhanam)  
Joint Registrar

To

Prof. Madhu Khanna  
Virology Unit,  
Deptt. of Microbiology, VPCI.

Dr. Nitin Goel,  
Nodal Officer, COVID-19.

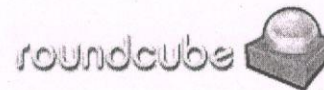
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10/29/2020

Roundcube Webmail :: Compliance of Hon'ble High Court Order dated 20-10-2020 in WP(C) 3031/2020 titled Rakesh Malhotra vs GNC...

Subject **Compliance of Hon'ble High Court Order dated 20-10-2020 in WP(C) 3031/2020 titled Rakesh Malhotra vs GNCTD & Ors.**



From Udit Prakash Rai <ss2covid19@gmail.com>

To <admin@vpci.org.in>

Date 28/10/2020 05:58 PM

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- page 2.pdf (~907 KB)

Sir,

Please see the attachment on the subject cited above for necessary action at your end.

Regards,

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PA to Spl. Secy.-II (H&FW)

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**GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL, "C" WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, NEW DELHI-110002**

No. F. PA/SS-II/COVID-19/H&FW/2020/Pt-1/233

Dated: 28/10/2020

To  
Vallabhbai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI),  
Delhi University, Vijay Nagar Marg,  
University Enclave, New Delhi-110007

**Subject: Compliance of Hon'ble High Court Order dated 20.10.2020 in WP(C) 3031/2020 titled Rakesh Malhotra vs GNCTD & Ors.**

Sir,

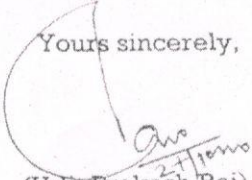
This is to bring to your kind attention that Hon'ble High Court in WP(C) 3031/2020 in the case of Rakesh Malhotra Vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Ors. vide order dated 20.10.2020 has observed that the turnaround time for declaring the result is far exceeding 24 hours and in fact extending to 84 hours. Hon'ble Court has obligated GNCTD "to streamline the system so as to ensure that the turnaround time for declaring the results is strictly adhered to and the result, whichever way they may be, are conveyed to the person tested within 24 hours." Finally, Hon'ble High Court has also noted that "if the mobile number of every person tested is taken at the time of the testing, there is no good reason why the result should not be communicated on the said mobile number within 24 hours of the samples being sent to the lab for testing. There is obviously a lag that must be addressed at the earliest."

2. In this regard, it is pertinent to note that vide DDMA order dated 30.05.2020, it has been directed that the reports of all samples collected must be given within 24 hours and not later than 48 hours, in any case.

3. It is also noteworthy that the testing capacity has been voluntarily declared by your lab at the time of registration with ICMR taking into consideration the fact that the turnaround time of results would be less than 24 hours. As ascertained from you afresh on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020, you have declared your capacity with a 24 hours turnaround time as 40. It need not be emphasized that non-declaration of the test result within 24 hours prevents the timely consequent actions of quarantine, isolation, contact tracing and further testing thereby jeopardizing the track and treat strategy and also creating a huge risk of spread of the infection.

4. As such, it is directed that turnaround time of test results should mandatorily be within 24 hours as directed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the results, whichever way they may be, must be conveyed to the person tested within those 24 hours. Any failure in this regard shall be violative of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Udit Prakash Rai)

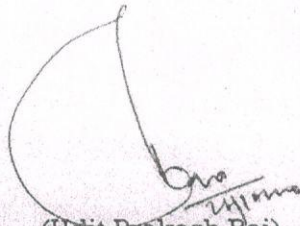
Spl. Secretary-II (H&FW)

No. F. PA/SS-II/COVID-19/H&FW/2020/Pt-I/

Dated:

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1. Addl. CS/ Nodal Officer (COVID-19), GNCT of Delhi.
2. Pr. Secretary (Health & FW), GNCT of Delhi.
3. Pr. Secretary (Revenue), GNCT of Delhi.
4. Secretary to Hon'ble LG, Delhi.
5. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble CM, GNCT of Delhi.
6. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Health, GNCT of Delhi.
7. OSD to CS, GNCT of Delhi.
8. Director, DGHS, GNCT of Delhi.

  
(Udit Prakash Rai)

Spl. Secretary-II (H&FW)