

**T-18018/04/2019-TB**  
**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**  
**Central TB Division**

**Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110108**  
**Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2020**

Dear all,

As you all are aware that COVID19 has been declared as Global Pandemic, and there is increasing trend of infection in India because of which National Lock down has been declared by Hon'ble PM for next twenty-one days. This requires extraordinary measures to ensure that TB patients don't face challenges in obtaining anti-TB drugs and continue to receive their medication.

In this regard, CTD requests the cooperation of all field personnel to ensure the following

1. For all TB patients newly diagnosed or currently on treatment should be provided one month of drugs
2. If any TB patient is unable to approach to the health facility from where S/he is taking the treatment, drug can be issued from **any government health facility** for above mentioned period.
3. For accounting the stock in Nikshay Aushadhi
  1. With Episode ID of TB patient: Collect the Episode ID of the TB patient while issuing drug if available. In this regard, the provision to issue drugs to patient registered under any PHI will be made available in Nikshay Aushadi.
  2. Without Episode ID of TB patient: If the Episode ID is not available, issue the drugs for one month to the patient and document it against the 'Issue without notification ID (One time)' in Nikshay Aushadhi.

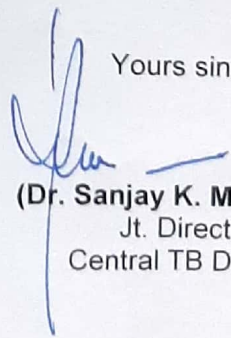
This will ensure that the patients receive their drugs at a facility convenient to them and also prevent any form of interruption to treatment. CTD personnel will provide further guidance, if required.

Further, it may also be noted that CTD has been made necessary measures / arrangements to ensure that Anti TB drugs are available for the all the patients. Accordingly, release orders have been issued to ensure sufficient quantity of drugs.

In case of any clarification required for release of drugs or want of any additional drugs our Logistic and supply chain management team is available to answer your queries. Please find coordinates of Mr Ashish Choudhary (09958840833) and Mr Shailendar Kumar (9873659747) from CTD-LSCM team who will be available round the clock to cater to any type of queries related to release of drugs.

We look forward to your continued support and cooperation to support TB patients during their time of distress.

Yours sincerely,



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