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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. E/551/1/2020-RTI

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Subject: Information sought under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application No. MOEAF/R/X/20/00019 addressed to Ministry to RTI cell, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, received by this Division on 11 May 2020.

2. A hearing for the First Appeal was held on telephone on 15 June 2020 based on a request received by email dated 07 June 2020.

3. According to the Order on Hearing of First Appeal dated 15 June 2020, I have been directed by Dr. Amit Telang, Director(EA) & First Appellate Authority, to provide the following information:

- i. Contact details of CPIO in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) : Ms. Aruna Behl Sen, Phone 011 2306 2108, Email: g.jagannath@nic.in
- ii. Contact details of CPIO in Embassy of India (Eol), Beijing: Mr. Deepak Padmakumar, Phone +86 10 8531 2540, Email: press.beijing@mea.gov.in
- iii. Perusal of the records available with the undersigned CPIO indicate that, on 12th January 2020, Eol Beijing informed MoH&FW that the Wuhan Municipal Health Committee had released a report on *Viral Pneumonia of Unknown Cause* dated 11 Januray 2020. A copy of this report is being shared for your information.

4. If there is any further information that you wish to seek in this regard, the same may kindly be sought directly from MoH&FW and/or Eol Beijing.

Yours faithfully,

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2. Dr. Amit Telang, Director(EA) & First Appellate Authority, Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110011.

Annexure

Report of Wuhan Municipal Health Committee on Viral Pneumonia of Unknown Cause

Issued by: Wuhan Municipal Health Committee

January 11, 2020

After the pathogen of "unexplained viral pneumonia" was initially determined to be a new type of coronavirus, the national, provincial and municipal expert groups immediately revised and improved the diagnosis, treatment, monitoring and other programs of unexplained viral pneumonia.

2. Wuhan Municipal Health Committee has organized the analysis of existing patients' samples. As of 24:00 on January 10, 2020, the analysis of pathogenic nucleic acids has been completed.
3. The national, provincial and municipal expert groups comprehensively studied and judged the clinical manifestations, epidemiological history and laboratory test results of the patients who were observed and treated in the hospitals, and preliminarily diagnosed 41 cases of pneumonia with new coronavirus infection. There were 2 discharged cases, 7 severe cases and 1 death, and the rest of the patients were in stable condition.
4. All 739 persons in close contact, including 419 medical staff, have received medical observation and no relevant cases have been found.
5. Since the outbreak of the epidemic, with the support of the country and Hubei Province, all relevant departments have worked together to prevent and control the disease in an orderly manner:
6. First, to make all-out efforts to treat people. We shall work out a plan of diagnosis and treatment, make early detection, diagnosis, isolation and treatment, and focus experts and resources on this task.
7. Second, carry out in-depth epidemiological investigation. The investigation found that the patients were mainly operators and procurers at the South China seafood wholesale market in Wuhan. On January 1, 2020, the South China seafood wholesale market was closed, and steps were taken to enhance disease prevention guidance and environmental health management in the city's public places, especially the agricultural markets.
8. Third, widely publicize disease prevention knowledge and enhance public awareness of self-protection.
9. Fourth, cooperate with national and provincial research on etiology.
10. Fifth, cooperate with the National Health Commission to inform the World Health Organisation of epidemic information in a timely manner.
11. No new cases have been found since January 3, 2020. At present, no medical staff have been infected and no clear evidence of human to human transmission have been found.
12. Our city will continue to strengthen the treatment of patients, carry out epidemiological investigation and an in-depth patriotic health campaign, do a good job in the popularization of disease prevention knowledge, and maintain the health of the people.
13. At present, it is in the season of high incidence of infectious diseases in winter and spring. The public should ensure air circulation indoors, try to avoid closed and poorly ventilated public places and crowded places, and wear masks when necessary. If there are fever and respiratory tract infection symptoms, and especially if the fever persists, please seek medical help in time.