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To

The Licensees (E&F under GCR Oxygen/Medical Oxygen)

As per List

Sub: Immediate action for conversion of industrial oxygen and inert gas cylinders for medical use shall be done as per SOP issued by the Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur- Reg.

Sirs,

Please refer to the Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, order no 40-6/2020-DM-I(A)date 25.04.2021 and 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) 26.04.2021 relating to use of liquid oxygen for medical purpose only.

With reference to VC held and subsequent instructions issued in regard to captioned subject, it is reiterated that owing to unprecedented demand for medical oxygen due to sudden influx of Covid-19 patients, the industrial oxygen and inert gas cylinders with consent of the cylinder owner, may be converted for medical use immediately complying with Rule 28 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016. Please strictly ensure that the conversion of industrial oxygen and inert cylinders for medical use shall be done as per SOP issued vide the Circular No. D-21013/PBL/18-EXP dated 22/04/2020 and Circular No. E.40 (Misc.)R.Min/2019 dated 25/04/2020 by the Chief Controller of Explosives, Nagpur.

Further the Govt of West Bengal vide letter no 191/Pr-Secy/MSME&T Dated 24.04.2021 have requested for conversion of industrial oxygen and inert gas cylinders for medical use in view of rapid rise in the COVID cases and resultant surge in demand for medical oxygen. You may also seek help of District Officials, wherever warranted to retrieve the industrial oxygen and inert cylinders for conversion for medical use as referred therein.

The onslaught of devastating second wave of the pandemic is unprecedented and adequacy in supply of medical oxygen will be very vital to combat this pandemic. Therefore appreciating the urgency immediate action in the matter is solicited in public exigency and details of such conversion of industrial oxygen and inert gas cylinders for medical use shall be intimated forthwith to all concern.

Yours Faithfully

Sd/-

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Controller of Explosives

For Jt. Chief Controller of Explosives

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