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Dear *Shri: Chenoy*

Sub: CSR funding for Scientific Research and Development - COVID 19

As you are aware, our country is facing an emergency with respect to COVID 19 and the pace at which it is spreading.

While the health workers are providing the best services possible, it is extremely critical that we simultaneously garner best of our scientists from research institutions as well as start-ups (with solutions approved by a competent authority) to focus on developing various indigenous low-cost devices, vaccinations, ICUs, Ventilators, masks, testing kits etc that will help combat the current state.

For this purpose, I am requesting you to actively reach out to your Industry members in order to utilize their CSR funds towards COVID 19 research and development (approved by MCA circular no 10/2020). Some of them are in the nature of immediate funding requirements as solutions are being developed currently and few others would be of a short term nature and pertinent to develop.

Kindly request your Industry members to indicate their intent to fund such scientific initiatives by an email to our special task force, Dr. Shailja Gupta (Shailja.psa@gov.in) and Dr. Sapna Poti (sapnapoti@ia.iitm.ac.in).

Yours sincerely,

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