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Dear Sir/Madam,

I sincerely appreciate the efforts put in by your State to manage this pandemic of COVID 19 and tackling new challenges being thrown by this disease. In recent times a new challenge in the form of a fungal infection namely MUCORMYCOSIS has emerged and is reported from many States amongst COVID 19 patients especially those on steroid therapy and deranged sugar control. This fungal infection is leading to prolonged morbidity and mortality amongst COVID 19 patients.

The treatment of this fungal infection requires multidisciplinary approach consisting of Eye surgeons, ENT specialists, General Surgeon, Neurosurgeon and Dental Maxillo facial surgeon etc and institution of Amphotericin B as an antifungal medicine.

You are requested to make mucormycosis a notifiable disease under Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, wherein all Government and Private health facilities, Medical Colleges will follow guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of mucormycosis, issued by MoHFW (GoI) and ICMR and make it mandatory for all these facilities to report all suspected and confirmed cases to Health Department through district level Chief Medical Officer and subsequently to IDSP surveillance system.

We look forward for your support in this.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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