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To Shri. Pramod Chandra Mody Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes [CBDT] New Delhi.

Dear Sir:

Subject: Requesting to release of refund payments to private hospitals

As all of us are aware hospitals are leading from the front in the battle against the COVID 19 pandemic. The private sector is working hand in hand with the government extending all possible help towards meeting the challenges that lay ahead of us.

However, private healthcare organizations are going through a very difficult times and revenue has almost dried up. This is because the regular OPD's and elective surgeries have been reduced to a great extent and this formed the main source of revenue, from which hospitals were able to pay the staff and meet other operational expenses.

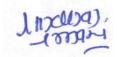
In the present situation many hospitals are in a very dismal condition and will soon have no money to pay to the staff including the frontline workers who are pivotal in the battle against the COVID -19 pandemic.

We are therefore making an urgent plea on behalf of the private hospitals in the country to the Income tax department to enable release of all refunds payments to hospitals on a priority basis in order to help the hospitals to be a state of readiness to overcome any eventuality relating to COVID-19 crisis.

We look forward to yours urgent action in this regard.

Warm regards,

Dr. Alexander Thomas President, AHPI



Dr. Giridhar Gyani Director General, AHPI

Copy to: 1. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs

2. Shri. C K Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and chairman of the MHA Empowered Group on 'Availability of hospitals, Isolation and quarantine facilities, disease surveillance, testing and critical care training'.

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