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## Emergency Grant Aid in Response to COVID-19 in India

Today, May 14, the Government of Japan decided to extend Emergency Grant Aid of approximately 18.5 million US dollars to India in response to the current surge of COVID-19 infections in India.

On April 30, the Government of Japan announced its decision to proceed with the procedure to provide 300 oxygen concentrators and 300 ventilators to India in coordination with the Government of India. On May 5, Foreign Minister Motegi informed H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India, that Japan was ready to provide additional grant assistance of up to 50 million US dollars to India, based on the latter's needs.

Through the assistance announced today, the 300 ventilators announced on April 30 will be transported to India by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). Moreover, the additional 500 ventilators and 500 oxygen concentrators will be provided to India through UNOPS as a part of the assistance of up to 50 million dollars announced on May 5. As a result, 800 ventilators and 800 oxygen concentrators in total will be provided to India through a series of recent Japanese assistance.

Japan stands with India, our friend and partner, in her efforts to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic through this additional emergency assistance, and hopes that Japan's assistance will contribute to alleviating and containing the COVID-19 situation in India.

[Reference 1: Emergency Assistance to India in Response to the Current Surge of COVID-19 Infections]

(1) On April 30, the Government of Japan announced its decision to proceed with the procedure to provide 300 oxygen concentrators and 300 ventilators to India in coordination with the Government of India. 300 oxygen concentrators have been handed over to India.

(2) On May 5, Foreign Minister Motegi stated to H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister of India, that Japan is ready to provide grant assistance of up to 50 million US dollars to India, based on the latter's needs, in addition to the assistance mentioned in paragraph (1).

(3) Through the assistance announced today, the 300 ventilators announced on April 30 will be transported to India by UNOPS. The additional 500 ventilators and 500 oxygen concentrators will be provided to India through UNOPS as a part of the assistance of up to 50 million dollars announced on May 5.

[Reference 2: COVID-19 infections in India]

As of May 14, India has the cumulative positive cases of 24,046,809 people and the cumulative deaths of 262,317 people.