## Chandigarh Administration Office of the Secretary Health, Chandigarh

No. PA/DHS/2022/55

Dated: 25/01/2022

## **ORDER**

This is in continuation of Order No. 4463/F-2071(6)/F-II(GMSH)/2020/3085 dated 07.10.2020, ADM/2020-6418-6433 dated 22.11.2020, PA/DHS/2021/553 dated 28.05.2021, Order No.PA/DHS/2021/596 dated 09.06.2021 and Order No. PA/DHS/2022/15 dated 13.01.2022 regarding fixation of rates for COVID 19 testing in Union Territory, Chandigarh.

After due consideration on the matter and advice of experts, taking into account the cost of kits & consumables and on the consensus of leading private labs, the Chandigarh Administration, in excise of the powers bestowed under the Chandigarh Epidemic Disease, COVID-19 Regulations, 2021 dated 25.05.2021 notified under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897, further revised the upper cap of rates for COVID-19 testing as follows:

| Sr. No. | Type of Test          | Maximum Charges per test |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.      | Rapid Antigen Testing | Rs.100/-                 |

Note:-In case of sample collected through home visits, the private laboratory may charge upto Rs.200/- per test in addition to the rates mentioned in the above table.

It is also directed that No Private laboratory should charge any amount more than as mentioned in the tables above for COVID-19 testing, inclusive of GST/Taxes (if any), cost involved in pick-up, PPE, packing, transportation of samples, documentation and reporting, in the UT Chandigarh.

It is further directed that all the laboratories conducting COVID-19 testing must adhere to the guidelines and SOPs as mentioned in the previous orders, and shall follow all the testing protocols as laid down by ICMR and MoHFW, Government of India from time to time.

These orders are issued with approval of Competent Authority and come into force with immediate effect. Non-adherence to these orders may invoke penalty under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code.

Secretary Health, UT Chandigarh

Dated: 25/01/2022

(Yashpal Garg, IAS)

Dated, the 25th January 2022

Endst. No.PA/DHS/2022/56-64

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action: -

1. All Administrative Secretaries/HODs/Boards/Corporations, Chandigarh Administration.

2. Registrar General, Punjab & Haryana High Court, Chandigarh

3. Director General of Police, UT, Chandigarh