



Press release draft

Praj contributes to Maharashtra CM Relief Fund

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Eight weeks into the nation-wide lockdown, there appears to be no signs of the Covid19 pandemic abating as the number of positive cases keep rising. Official data states that Maharashtra has the highest number of infected people, with the maximum cases reported in Mumbai followed by Pune.

There is a dire need to step up efforts to fight the pandemic on both, public-health and economic front. As a responsible corporate citizen, we recognize this need and Praj employees have stepped forward to contribute Rs. 50 lakhs to the Maharashtra government's Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The amount was handed over by a senior official from Praj to Sunil Gadhe, Dy. Collector of Pune on May 11, 2020.

Mr. Gadhe appreciated Praj for its commitment to social causes in the hour of crisis. He mentioned that the amount would be utilized for the state government's relief work in strengthening public health system as well as catering to the requirements of affected communities by way of setting up camps, providing meals, etc.

"What we are experiencing is unprecedented; a Catch-22 situation to be caught between a Life Vs. Livelihood conflict. We feel honoured to play our part in supporting the Maharashtra state government in its stellar work which includes among others, offering relief to the poor, and stepping up testing facilities and treatment infrastructure," said Pramod Chaudhari, Executive Chairman, Praj Industries. "We understand that beefing up testing and its accuracy is one of the sure-fire ways to fight the spread of the virus. Recognizing this crucial need we have already lent a RT-PCR (reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction) system to A.G. Diagnostics Laboratory in Pune for precise and faster detection. We are confident that as a society, we shall emerge stronger and more resilient from this pandemic," he added.

It may be recalled that Praj had earlier contributed Rs. 1.01 cr. to the PM CARES Fund and Rs. 25 lakhs to Pune Platform for Covid-19 Response assisted by MCCIA to help combat Covid 19.

Praj has also provided free and open access to its hand wash sanitizer (HWS) manufacturing technology on its website, including remote assistance for commissioning of plants. There has been an overwhelming response with more than 400 interests representing different industrial segments nationally and internationally. This will enable various parties to jumpstart manufacturing of HWS so as to overcome shortage and help suppress spread of the virus.



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