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Through e-Mail

**Shri. Narendra Modi,  
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India  
Government of India.**

**Subject: Cycle Threshold (CT) value in COVID**

Respected Sir,

We at the Health Parliament- A think Tank on Evidence-Based Policymaking, would like to draw your attention towards the confusion / anomaly about interpreting CT value for COVID-19.

According to ICMR and global medical guidelines, the CT (Cycle Threshold) value below 35 classifies a person is COVID positive, and a CT value of 35 and above classifies a person is COVID negative.

One of the states (Maharashtra) has sought permission for reducing the benchmark of 35 to 24!

We are sharing a few suggestions for your kind considerations:

- Please advise the competent authority to issue guidelines for reporting the cases based on the national value w.r.t. CT, and factual reporting of the cases. It may be pertinent to consider giving a directive that no state, department, organization or a lab can change the CT Value classification according to their preference just to decrease the case load of COVID patients.
- All labs – Public and Private must state in the test result about the standardized CT value reading, and its co-relation for COVID19 +Ve or -Ve as the case may be.

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare should clearly define such terms (CT value and correlation with the test results) so that there is no confusion amongst the people.

Given all these experiences and other compulsions of the central government, we at the Health Parliament would request to consider making health as a concurrent subject if not a central subject at an appropriate time.

The current scenario is critical and the government need to come out with helpful information so that the public is not scared of this pandemic, can take requisite steps to avoid getting infected, and to have a positive approach.

We hope you will consider our submissions and consider appropriate actions. We remain at your disposal for any further details or clarification and support.

Best regards,



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