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Case of Pathetic Conditions of Corona Virus Ward In Bettiah Government Medical College Hospital

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News Item from a hospital of Government Medical College in Bettiah, West Champaran, published in Hindustan Dainik News dated 06.03.2020 has reported the pathetic conditions of a newly-made ward for those patients suffering from diseases due to attack of Corona Virus. The news item points out that the ward is dirty as it is full of dust, its six doors have broken glass panes and its walls are covered with spits from chewed betel leaves with obnoxious smell oozing out them.

The Civil Surgeon, West Champaran also admits that ward is actually not worth staying in either for the would-be patients or for the doctors themselves and has blamed the hospital administration for the same. He has written letter to the Superintendent of the Government Medical College who in term has apprised the Principal of the College for the lapses.

If what is said in the report is true then it certainly demands quick action and enquiry into the matter before the outbreak of the epidemic so that stringent measures could be taken in advance.

Reports be called separately from (i) **DM, Bettiah, West Champaran**, (ii) **Civil Surgeon, Bettiah, West Champaran** & (iii) **Superintendent, Government Medical College, Bettiah** by **30.03.2020**.

List on 03.04.2020.

Copy of the news item and this order be sent to the above three officers by FAX.

(Ujjwal Kumar Dubey) Acting Chairperson