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## ORDER

In order to further speed up the testing of swab samples for COVID-19 in the State, it may be necessary to run an extra shift in the Government laboratories so that testing and reporting can be done within the shortest possible time.

To cope with the need for increased manpower of Laboratory Technicians in the testing laboratories, it has been decided that –

- 1) If there are any RT-PCR trained Laboratory Technicians engaged in some other project, they can be deployed in the COVID testing laboratory with immediate effect and until further order.
- 2) The Laboratory Technicians conducting RT-PCR tests and willing to work in an additional shift may be permitted to do, for which and financial incentive of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) only per month may be paid to them.

This arrangement will be for a period of 02(two) months for the present and is applicable only to the RT-PCR Labs under the State Government engaged in the testing samples of COVID-19.

All concerned are being informed.

(Subhra Chakrabarti) Additional Secretary

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1. Director of Medical Education, West Bengal
- 2. Director of Health Services, West Bengal
- 4. District Magistrate all
- 5. CMOH all

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