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D.O.No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)

14th April, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his address to the Nation today, has announced that the lockdown in India, which has been imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, will have to be extended till May 3, 2020. In pursuance of this announcement, and on the directions of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), issued on April 14, 2020, I, as Chairperson, National Executive Committee(NEC), have issued directions to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and Authorities, that the lockdown measures stipulated in the Consolidated Guidelines of MHA, for containment of COVID-19 pandemic in the country, will continue to remain in force upto May 3, 2020. A copy of the Order dated April 14, 2020, issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, is herewith enclosed.

2. With the extension of the lockdown, all restrictions that have been imposed in various sectors, and on various activities, will continue to remain in force. These restrictions, which have been spelt out in the Consolidated Guidelines of MHA, must be enforced strictly, by all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, and by State/Union Territory Governments and Authorities.

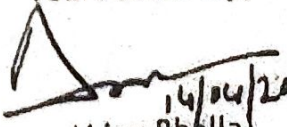
3. It is emphasized that as per the orders issued by MHA under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the States/Union Territories cannot dilute restrictions imposed vide the aforesaid guidelines.

4. I would again urge you to strictly implement the directions issued by MHA, under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, as contained in the Consolidated Guidelines, without any dilution of the same.

With regards,

Encl : as above.

Yours sincerely,


14/04/20
(Ajay Bhalla)

Chief Secretaries of All States
(As per standard list)