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Dear Secretary,

The Cabinet Secretary, vide his DO letter dated 22nd and 23rd March 2020, has emphasised the urgent need to take stringent actions to contain the spread of COVID-19. In line with this, several State/UT Governments have issued complete/partial lockdown orders.

2. While steps taken by State/UT Governments are in the right direction, lack of uniformity in the measures adopted as well as in their implementation, may not serve the objective of containing the spread of the virus. Considering the situation. The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, has issued an Order no. 1-29/2020-PP (Pt.II) dated 24.03.2020 (Copy enclosed), directing the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, and the State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities to take lockdown measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

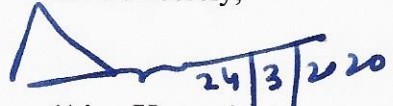
3. In compliance of the said Order of NDMA, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued an Order no. 1-29/2020-PP (Pt.II) dated 24.03.2020 (Copy enclosed), under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act, directing the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures for ensuring social distancing so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country. The Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the country, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.

4. I would like to request the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, to ensure strict implementation of the above Orders.

5. Action taken on the implementation of these measures will be monitored by MHA and all are requested to kindly send the reports on daily basis.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,


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Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
(as per list enclosed)