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Home Secretary  
भारत सरकार  
Government of India  
North Block,  
New Delhi

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

14<sup>th</sup> 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.

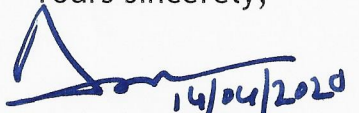
3. It is emphasized that as per the orders issued by MHA under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the States/Union Territories cannot dilute restrictions imposed vide the aforesaid guidelines.

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,

  
14/04/2020  
(Ajay Bhalla)

Chief Secretaries of All States  
(As per standard list)

**No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**

North Block, New Delhi-110001  
Dated 14th April, 2020

**ORDER**

Whereas under directions of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)'s Order dated 24.03.2020, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, issued directions vide Order of even number dated 24.03.2020 to all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/ Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities, with the guidelines to implement lockdown measures, to contain the spread of COVID-19, in all parts of the country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020;

Whereas, the guidelines to implement lockdown measures were further modified on 25.03.2020, 27.03.2020, 02.04.2020, 03.04.2020 and 10.04.2020 and consolidated guidelines are placed on the website of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA);

Whereas, NDMA after assessing the situation on COVID-19 epidemic is satisfied that strict social distancing measures need to be implemented for a further period so as to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

Whereas in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, NDMA has issued an Order number 1-137/2018-Mit-II (FTS-10548) dated 14.04.2020 (copy enclosed) directing the Chairperson, National Executive Committee that existing lockdown measures be continued to be implemented in all parts of the Country, upto 03.05.2020.

Whereas under directions of the aforesaid Order of NDMA, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues directions to all the all Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities that the Lockdown measures stipulated in aforesaid Consolidated Guidelines of MHA for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country, will continue to remain in force upto 03.05.2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

  
14/04/2020  
Union Home Secretary

**To:**

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories  
(As per list attached)

**Copy to:**

- i. All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.