

AJAY BHALLA, IAS



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

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

15th April, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his address to the nation on 14th April, 2020 announced that the lockdown in India, which has been imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, will have to be extended till 3rd May, 2020. In pursuance of this announcement, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order dated April 14, 2020, copies of which have been communicated to you vide my earlier D.O. letter of even number dated 14th April, 2020.

2. Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his address, also announced the opening up of select necessary activities from 20th April, 2020. An order enclosing, the consolidated revised guidelines in this regard has been issued today, copy of which is enclosed.

3. With regard to the aforesaid order, the following is emphasized:

- i. The activities mentioned in the consolidated revised guidelines (Paras 5 to 20) will not be permitted in containment zones within hotspots, demarcated by the States/Union Territories/District Administrations as per guidelines of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Government of India.
- ii. If any new area is included in the category of containment zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a containment zone, will be suspended, except for those activities which are specifically permitted under the consolidated revised guidelines.
- iii. The activities allowed under the consolidated revised guidelines will be withdrawn immediately, if any of the lockdown measures are violated, risking the spread of COVID-19. All entities, in the Government and private sectors, and members of public should follow the guidelines strictly.

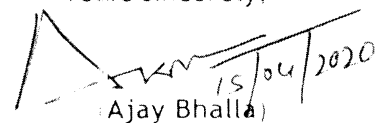
4. I have already emphasized vide my earlier D.O. letters of even number dated 31.03.2020 and 14th April, 2020, that States/Union Territories cannot dilute restrictions imposed vide the aforesaid guidelines issued by MHA. States / UTs may, however, impose stricter measures, than these guidelines as per requirement of the local areas.

5. I would again urge you to ensure compliance of the above instructions, and direct all concerned authorities for their strict implementation. You may also ensure that these guidelines are communicated to all the field agencies and wide publicity is given for the benefit of public.

With regards,

Encl: as above.

Yours sincerely,


15/04/2020
Ajay Bhalla

Chief Secretaries of All States
(As per standard list)