Dear Secretary,

As you are aware, based on the orders issued by the National Disaster Management Authority under Section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, Home Secretary, as Chairperson of the National Executive Committee, has issued an order dated 24.03.2020 with directions to the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, States/UTs and State Governments to take effective measures (as per guidelines annexed to the order) to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

2. It has been noticed that some Ministries/Departments have issued clarifications having bearing on the lockdown measures. I would like to convey that any instruction/clarification on the lockdown measures may be issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs alone, with the approval of the National Executive Committee. This is important in order to ensure that there is clarity on part of the Ministries/Departments of Central Government, State Governments and the officers in the field entrusted with implementation of these measures.

3. All Ministries/Departments of Government of India are requested to take action accordingly. In case any clarification/modification is required, the matter may be taken up with Home Secretary for appropriate decision.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajiv Gauba)

To

Secretaries of Ministries/Department of Govt. of India

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