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गृह सचिव Home Secretary भारत सरकार Government of India नॉर्थ ब्लॉक/North Block नई दिल्ली/New Delhi

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

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Dear Chief Secretary,

Kindly refer to Ministry of Home Affairs' (MHA) Order of even number issued today by which guidelines for Surveillance, Containment and Caution that were issued vide Order dated 27.01.2021, have been extended upto 31st March, 2021.

- 2. As you are aware, the number of active and new cases in the country has substantially declined over the last few months. However, there is need for maintaining caution and strict surveillance so as to fully overcome the pandemic.
- 3. All activities have been permitted, subject to following the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), issued by respective administrative Ministry/ Department as well as the SOPs which are to be issued by the States/ UTs. These SOPs shall be strictly enforced by authorities concerned, who shall be responsible for their strict adherence. It is further reiterated that there shall be no restriction on inter-State and intra-State movement of persons and goods including those for cross land-border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries.
- 4. I would urge you to ensure the compliance of the aforesaid guidelines and direct all authorities concerned for their strict implementation. Further, guidelines issued by MHA and consequent Orders issued by the respective State Governments/ UT Administrations should be widely disseminated to the public and to the field functionaries for implementation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla)

Chief Secretaries of All States (As per Standard List attached)