MHA asks States to allow unhindered movement of persons and goods and services
during Unlock-3

Restrictions at local level imposed by District Administrations or by State
Governments is violation of MHA guidelines under DMA, 2005 provisions

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The Centre has asked the States that there should be no restrictions imposed on inter-
State and intra-State movement of persons and goods and services during the present prevailing
Unlock-3 guidelines.

In a communication to Chief Secretaries of all States today, the Union Ministry of Home
Affairs (MHA) has stated that it has been reported that local level restrictions on movement are
being imposed by various districts/States. Such restrictions are creating problems in inter-State
movement of goods and services and are impacting the supply chain, resulting in disruption of
economic activities and employment, besides affecting supply of goods and services.

The MHA has said such restrictions at local level imposed by District Administrations or
by States, amount to violation of the guidelines issued by the MHA under the provisions of the
Disaster Management Act, 2005.

Drawing attention to the MHA’s Order dated July 29, 2020 specifying Guidelines for
Unlock-3, the communication reiterates that there shall be no restriction on inter-State and Intra-
State movement of persons and goods. No separate permission/ approval/ e-permit will be
required for such movements. This includes movement of persons and goods for cross land
border trade under Treaties with neighbouring countries.

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