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To
The Secretary (DP)
Ministry of Defence
South Block
New Delhi – 110 011

Subject: COVID-19 Pandemic – containment of.

Reference: DoP&T No. 11013/9/2014- Estt (A- III) dated 19th March, 2020.

Respected Sir,

With due regards, your kind attention is invited to the DoP&T letter cited under reference whereby the department has issued preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID – 19 by deploying only 50 percent of workforce of employees till 4th April 2020.

Through the above letter, Heads of Department (HoDs) have been instructed to ensure that 50 percent of Group 'B' and 'C' employees attend office every day and the remaining 50 percent staff work from home on a roster basis with staggered time-schedule.

Further, various advisories have been issued by Ministry of Health, DoP&T, various State Governments' and other public agencies over the past two weeks on the matter so that this pandemic may be contained from being spread.

Expert medical opinion reveals that there is a lurking danger of aggressive spread of the virus in the next two weeks and hence some most affected State Governments have advised the general population to avoid unnecessary travel and to rather opt for self-quarantine. Places of mass contact like Gyms, Malls, Large Stores etc have also been shut down. Private sectors have opted work from home for their employees. One Chief Minister has also indicated that in the eventuality of people not responding to voluntary measures, the government may think of curtailing/shutting down public transport system.

All the employees working in various defence establishments/ offices/ Industrial Organizations bear the same nature of threat as others. Furthermore, Industrial employees who work under the most vulnerable conditions of Factories/ Industries have the most exposure to this threat and may prove the biggest instrument of spreading this virus as they work in the shops/ work places at a very short distance, muster at offices/ shops from different locations of the city, share same wash basins, bathrooms, toilets, machines, tools etc.

In the light of the above and taking into considerations the seriousness of the situation it would be prudent for MoD to consider shutting down, for at least two weeks, Defence installations/ Industrial Organizations/ Labs/ Offices falling under or nearby of the affected areas/ districts.

Therefore, you are requested to examine the proposal in the larger public interest,
Thanking you.

Sincerely Yours

(MUKESH SINGH)

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