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

28<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

Dear Administrator,

Kindly refer to the MHA Order of even number issued today, vide which MHA Order dated 29.06.2021 issued for the implementation of targeted and prompt actions for COVID-19 management, has been extended upto 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021.

2. With the decline in the number of active cases, States and UTs are re-opening the activities in a gradual manner. While the decline in the number of cases is a matter of satisfaction, it may be noted that the absolute case numbers are still significantly high. Therefore, there is no room for complacency and the process of relaxing restrictions should be carefully calibrated, as has been reiterated in my earlier communications.

3. The reproduction number of the virus, commonly known as the 'R' factor, is hovering just below 'one' but is high in some of the States. As reiterated in my earlier D.O. letter dated 14.07.2021, all efforts should be made to ensure that there is no increase in the 'R' factor. Further, strictest possible measures should be taken in the districts that are still showing high positivity rates.

4. In view of the upcoming festivals, there is need to ensure COVID Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) in all crowded places. There should be continuous focus on the five-fold strategy for effective management of COVID-19 i.e. Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination and adherence to COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

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5. I would, therefore, urge you to issue strict directions to the district and all other local authorities concerned, to take necessary measures for management of COVID-19. The officers concerned should be made personally responsible for any laxity in strict enforcement of COVID Appropriate Behaviour. I would also advise that Orders issued by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations/district authorities in this regard, should be widely disseminated to the public and to the field functionaries, for their proper implementation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(Ajay Bhalla) 28/07/2021

**Administrators of all UTs**

(As per standard list attached)