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

10th April, 2020

Dear Administrator,

Kindly refer to the consolidated guidelines on the lockdown measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the Country, as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs on 24.03.2020 and further modified on 25.03.2020, 27.03.2020, 02.04.2020 and 03.04.2020.

2. Your kind attention is drawn to Clause 9 & 10 of the Consolidated Guidelines on Lockdown Measures under which no religious congregation will be permitted without any exception and all social/cultural/religious functions/gatherings shall be barred.

3. In view of the ensuing festivals in the month of April 2020, you are requested to ensure strict compliance of lockdown measures and not allow any social/religious gathering/procession. District authorities and field agencies should be informed on the specific prohibitions as mentioned above and they should take all required precautionary/preventive measures for maintenance of law and order, peace and public tranquillity. Appropriate vigil on social media should also be maintained against circulation of any objectionable content.

4. It is further requested that for the attention of the public authorities, social/religious organisation and citizens, above provisions should be widely circulated and for violation of any lockdown measure, action under the relevant penal provisions of the Disaster Management Act 2005 and IPC shall be taken by the law enforcing agencies.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla)

Administrators of All UTs
(As per Standard List attached)