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भारत सरकार
Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

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

29th July, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

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2. As stipulated in the Unlock 2 Order and guidelines issued on 29.06.2020, training institutions of the Central and State Governments have been allowed to function from 15th July, 2020, and the detailed standard operating procedures (SOPs) have also been issued. In Unlock 3, which will come into effect from 1st August, 2020, the process of phased re-opening of activities has been extended further. Lockdown, however, shall continue to be implemented strictly in the containment zones till 31st August, 2020 with strict perimeter control and strict enforcement of containment measures as per guidelines of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW).

3. As per the practice, the guidelines on Unlock 3 are based on feedback received from States and UTs, and consultations held with the related Central Ministries and Departments. After extensive consultations, it has been decided that schools, colleges, educational and coaching institutions will remain closed till 31st August, 2020. Yoga institutes and gymnasiums will be allowed to function from 5th August, 2020 for which, SOP will be issued by the MoHFW. Restrictions on movement of individuals during night (Night curfew) have been removed. Further opening up of the remaining prohibited activities will take place in a calibrated manner and dates for their opening will be decided separately, based on the assessment of the situation.

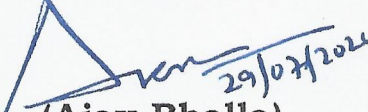
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5. I would urge you to ensure compliance of the guidelines on Unlock 3, and direct all concerned authorities for their strict implementation. Further guidelines issued by MHA and consequent Orders issued by the respective State Governments/UT Administration should be widely disseminated to the public and to the field functionaries for implementation.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


29/07/2021
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To

The Chief Secretaries of all States.

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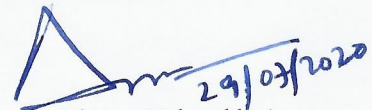
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