Dear Chief Secretary,

Please refer to my letters dated 22nd, 23rd and 24th March, 2020 and video conference on 22nd March, 2020 on the measures required to be taken to contain the spread of COVID-19.

2. As you are aware, we initiated screening of international incoming passengers at the airports with effect from 18th January, 2020. I have been informed that upto 23rd March 2020, cumulatively, Bureau of Immigration has shared details of more than 15 lakh incoming international passengers with the States / UTs for monitoring for COVID-19. However, there appears to be a gap between the number of international passengers who need to be monitored by the States / UTs and the actual number of passengers being monitored. This may seriously jeopardise our efforts to contain spread of COVID-19, given that many amongst the persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 so far in India have history of international travel. It is important that they are put under close surveillance to prevent the spread of the epidemic. I understand that Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has repeatedly emphasised this and requested the States and UTs to take immediate steps in this regard.

3. I would, therefore, like to request you to ensure that concerted and sustained action is taken urgently to put such passengers under surveillance immediately as per MoHFW guidelines. I would also urge you to actively involve the district authorities in this effort.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(Rajiv Gauba)

To,

As per list attached