Kindly refer to my letter dated 22nd March 2020 regarding the urgent need to take stringent measures and pre-emptive actions to contain the spread of COVID-19, in view of the spurt in number of confirmed cases. Needless to say, collective and prompt action on part of all States and UTs is imperative to prevent the spread of infection.

2. A large number of States have since issued orders imposing stringent restrictions under the Epidemic Diseases Act 1897 and other relevant laws to curb non-essential movement, prevent gathering of people and enforce social distancing, especially in areas which have reported confirmed cases or where a large number of people are under surveillance.

3. It is important that the situation is monitored on a 24x7 basis and timely decisions are taken to extend these restrictions to other areas.

4. Further, it is absolutely essential that the restrictions that have been imposed are rigorously implemented. Instructions may kindly be issued to the District Magistrates/SPs/Policemen Commissioners/Municipal Commissioners accordingly. Action should be taken against individuals found violating the instructions.

5. It needs to be emphasised to all concerned authorities that partial implementation of orders will defeat the very purpose of issuing them.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajiv Gauba)

To,

As per list attached