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**Cabinet Secretary and PS to Hon. Prime Minister review status, management
and containment of COVID-19**

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Cabinet Secretary and the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister reviewed the status, actions taken and preparedness regarding management and containment of COVID-19 in a high level with Chief Secretaries of States through a video conference, here today. The increase in the number of confirmed cases during the last few days was discussed. The Central Government impressed upon the States the need for urgent and effective interventions.

After detailed discussions, the following decisions were taken:

- a) State Governments will issue orders allowing only essential services to operate in districts with confirmed COVID-19 cases. The focus should be on closure of all activities except essential services such as hospitals, telecom, medicine shops, provision stores etc.
- b) Establishments/factories engaged in manufacturing and distribution of essential commodities like medicines, vaccines, sanitizers, masks, medical devices, their ancillaries and support services etc., should be exempt from these restrictions.
- c) State Governments may expand the list depending on their assessment of the situation.
- d) All train services suspended till 31st March 2020 including sub urban rail services.
- e) Good trains may continue to operate for facilitating availability of essential commodities.
- f) All metro rail services suspended till 31st March 2020.
- g) Interstate passenger transport also to be suspended till 31st Mar 2020.
- h) Transport services may operate at mere skeletal level
- i) These measures are temporary but extremely vital to break the chain of transmission.

- j) States were also requested to ensure that while such measures are being taken, necessary steps to minimize discomfort to the poor and disadvantaged sections of the society may be ensured.
- k) States to request industries, establishments etc., to allow their employees to work from home and provide remuneration to them during this period.
- l) Central Government has already asked Labour Ministry and Ministry of Corporate Affairs to issue necessary instructions to this effect.
- m) States were further asked to ramp up the readiness to manage the positive cases in health facilities.
- n) States to assess the availability of medical services including quarantine and scale them up to meet all possible contingencies.
- o) States were asked to have earmarked facilities fully dedicated to manage the COVID-19 cases only.
- p) Each State was requested to identify and ensure that such hospitals are equipped to manage the COVID 19 cases.

Following is the list of the districts which have reported confirmed COVID-19 cases:

State	District
Andhra Pradesh	Prakasam
	Vijaywada
	Vizag
Chandigarh	Chandigarh
Chhattisgarh	Raipur
Delhi	Central
	East Delhi
	North Delhi
	North West Delhi
	North East Delhi

	South Delhi
	West Delhi
Gujrat	Kutchh
	Rajkot
	Gandhinagar
	Surat
	Vadodara
	Ahmedabad
Haryana	Faridabad
	Sonepat
	Panchkula
	Panipat
	Gurugram
Himachal Pradesh	Kangra
UT of J&K	Srinagar
	Jammu
Karnataka	Bangalore
	Chikkaballapura
	Mysore
	Kodagu
	Kalaburgi
Kerala	Alappuzha
	Ernakulam
	Iduki
	Kannur
	Kasargod
	Kottayam
	Mallapuram

	Pathanamthitta
	Thiruvanthpuram
	Thrissur
UT of Ladakh	Kargil
	Leh
MP	Jabalpur
Maharashtra	Ahmednagar

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