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## North Block, New Delhi, Dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

## Subject : Preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 - reg.

In view of the unprecedented rise in the numbers of Covid-19 cases in Delhi, it has been decided to take measures to prevent its spread. Accordingly, following instructions / guidelines are issued for strict compliance :-

- (a) Officers of the level of Under Secretary or equivalent and below be allowed to work from home also and their physical attendance in office be restricted to 50% of the actual overall strength. Rosters for their attendance to be prepared by concerned Divisional / Wing Heads. Individual Wing Heads can, however, call for more than 50% physical attendance of any of the categories of officials in their wings, if required on administrative grounds.
- (b) All officers of the level of Deputy Secretary, equivalent and above are to attend office on regular basis.
- (c) All officers who attend office can stagger timings (with entry into the office spread between 9:00 AM 10:00 AM with corresponding office exit timings). This will also avoid rush in commuting, as also in lifts & corridors. Roster system by Divisional / Wing Heads to take care of this aspect.
- (d) All officials who do not attend office on a particular day are to make themselves available on Telephone and other electronics means of communication at all times from their residence and work from home.
- (e) All officials residing in containment zones shall continue to be exempted from coming to office till the containment zone is denotified.
- (f) All officials who attend office shall strictly follow Covid appropriate behavior including wearing of mask, physical distancing, use of sanitizer and frequent hand washing with soap and water.
- (g) Crowding in lifts, staircases, corridors, common areas including refreshment kiosk and parking areas is to be strictly avoided.
- (h) Meetings, as far as possible, to be conducted through videoconferencing.

(g) Entry of outsiders/visitors to be curtailed appropriately.

(h) All employees of the age of 45 years and above are advised to get themselves vaccinated.

2. The above instructions / guidelines shall come into effect immediately and will remain in force until 30.04.2021 or further orders, whichever is earlier.

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