

Preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID -19

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In supersession of DoPT's OM of even no. dated 19.03.2020 and 20.03.2020, the following further instructions are issued:

- (i) Heads of Department (HoDs) may draw up a Roster of Staff (all officers and employees, including consultants/ contract and outsourced employees), who are required to render essential services within each Department. They alone may be asked to attend office from 23rd March until 31st March 2020. In other words, the Office should function with skeletal staff. Officials who are working from home should be available on telephone and electronic means of communication at all times. They should attend Office if called for, in case of any exigencies of work.
- (ii) Similar instructions should be issued to Attached/Subordinate Offices, Autonomous/Statutory Bodies.
- (iii) The Department of Financial Services (DFS) and Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) may issue similar instructions regarding Financial Institutions and Public Sector Undertakings.
- (iv) These instructions shall not apply to the Officers and employees engaged in essential/emergency services and those directly engaged in taking measures to control spread of COVID 19.

These instructions shall be applicable with immediate effect.

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