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Chief Secretary
Jharkhand, Ranchi

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New Delhi-110001
Dated 25th March 2020

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To,

1. All the State/UT Secretaries of Power
2. All District Magistrates of all States,
3. All Police Commissioners/ Superintendent of Police of all States,
4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak.

Reference is invited to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 24.03.2020 (copy enclosed) regarding lock-down in all parts of the Country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country. As per the Guidelines enclosed with the above Order, all offices of Government of India, its Autonomous and Sub-ordinate offices and Public Corporation shall remain closed except certain essential services including power generation and transmission units.

2. Power Generation is an essential service for securing smooth and uninterrupted power flow across and within states. In the current scenario of COVID-19 outbreak and nationwide lockdown announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, there will be need to ensure uninterrupted power generation.
3. The power generations utilities under Ministry of Power, Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and Independent Power Plants (IPPs), hereafter

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referred to as "interstate power generating stations", supply inter-state electricity to the grid. Hence, their operations are critical for maintaining power supply across the country.

4. In order to provide uninterrupted operations of "interstate power generating stations", the following support is requested from your office.

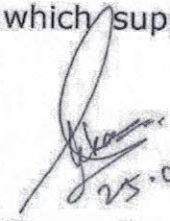
- a. Permission for "interstate power generating stations" staff, associated workforce and vehicles to move around and movement of material and field engineers at sites, substations, ash pond, raw water intake points etc. with minimum manpower.
- b. Allowing minimum staff, required to work for the power plant and offices for ensuring uninterrupted power generation.
- c. Waiver from section 144, Nationwide Lockdown, Curfew, or any other limitation on number of people to gather in locations like ash pond, raw water intake, Power Generating Stations and other related locations where it may be required for operation and maintenance activities of generation and associated equipment.
- d. Availability of DG Sets, Electrical Equipment, Maintenance equipment, Tractors/Trucks and other required Tools and Plants for maintenance activities. Diesel carrying vehicle for pouring diesel in DG sets.
- e. Allow round the clock permission to mobilize field staff to be able to reach and access electrical installations of "interstate power generating stations".

5. Considering the importance of continuity of power supply, it is requested that above mentioned permissions may be granted to "interstate power generating stations" officers and staff and their vendors all over India for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities.

6. It is also requested to issue the necessary permission / passes as required for movement of employees and associated workforce on production of official ID Cards / authorization letter from "interstate power generating stations" officials.



7. The State Governments may also issue the similar instructions/ permission /passes/ facilitations in respect of State Generating Stations (State Gencos) and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.


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(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi)
Director (Thermal)

Copy to following with instructions to ensure the necessary preventive measures/ equipment/ amenities for safeguard from infection of Corona Virus to their employees and workforce deployed for operation and maintenance works.

1. CMD NTPC
2. Chairman DVC
3. All IPPs and UMPPs
3. Chief Secretary (All States) with a request for similar action in respect of the State Generating Companies/Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.
4. Copy to NIC with a request to host on the website of Ministry of Power for information of all the concerned.