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Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

D.O. No. 40-2/2020-DM-I(A)

21st March, 2020

Chief Secretary
Jharkhand, Ranchi

Dear Chief Secretary,

As you are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister, during his Address to the Nation on 19.03.2020 on combating COVID-19, requested all citizens to observe 'Janta' curfew (a curfew imposed for the people, by the people, on the people themselves) from 7 AM until 9 PM on this Sunday, the 22nd March 2020. During this curfew, no one apart from those involved with essential services is supposed to venture out of home.

2. Hon'ble Prime Minister has also mentioned that there are many brave people who are in the forefront of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic like medical staff, police, government servants, airline staff, media persons, bus/train/auto operators and those involved in providing home delivery. To pay gratitude to their selfless service to the nation during such trying times, Prime Minister has desired that on March 22 at 5 PM, all citizens should acknowledge and salute their efforts by standing in the balconies or at the doors of their houses and clap or ring bells for five minutes as a show of appreciation.

3. All States and Union Territories are, therefore, requested to widely disseminate the message of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to the community at large. Further, Urban Local Bodies, Panchayati Raj Institutions, Fire Services, Police Services, Civil Defence and Industrial Establishments etc., should be advised to ring a siren at 5.00 pm on 22nd March for intimation of all citizens.

4. Action taken in this regard may please be intimated to this Ministry by email at: dresponse-nerc@gov.in.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla) 21/3/20

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of
All States/Union Territories
(As per Standard List attached)

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