

INDIA FIGHTS CORONA



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EARLY RECOGNITION OF THREAT

Date	Number of Cases	Action
January 7, 2020	0	China identifies Coronavirus as the causative agent of the disease
January 8, 2020	0	Ministry of Health holds 1st joint monitoring mission meeting
January 17, 2020	0	<p>Health Ministry issues advisory to all states and UTs on Coronavirus and holds meeting with them for initiating health sector preparedness. Advisory to observe health precautions to those travelling to China issued.</p> <p>All travelers to China (in particular Wuhan city) asked to monitor their health closely.</p> <p>Screening of international passengers at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru, Hyderabad and Kochi begins. Integrated Disease surveillance program initiated to monitor Coronavirus epidemic</p>
January 25, 2020	0	Principal Secretary to PM holds review meeting on Coronavirus on the instructions of PM. Dedicated Central teams inspect all airports and screening extended eventually to all airports. 20,000 people from 115 flights at 7 international airports screened. National Institute of Virology labs all over the country are fully equipped to test the virus. All State and District health authorities alerted and are in the loop.

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January 27, 2020	0	<p>Cabinet Secretary holds meeting to review preparedness to counter Coronavirus</p> <p>Health Ministry holds review meeting with Principal secretaries of health all states along with meeting of Chief Secretaries of 5 states to review the preparedness and asked to ensure that community level monitoring of passengers is undertaken through health staff</p> <p>Out of the 29,707 passengers screened from 137 airlines so far, 12 were sent to NIV, Pune for further testing. no positive so far</p> <p>Airlines asked to report illness of any passenger on all flights with direct or indirect connectivity to China. Ministry of Health and Ministry of External Affairs begins preparation of evacuation of indian students from Wuhan.</p>

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January 29, 2020	0	8 central teams deputed across states to monitor conduct of gram sabhas and gram sabhas organized in 21 districts bordering Nepal in collaboration with states. Export of N95 Masks and PPE prohibited.
January 30, 2020	1	WHO declares Coronavirus as public health emergency of International Concern Cabinet Secretary chairs review meeting and announces- Travel advisory issued to avoid non—essential travel to china. All travellers from China since 15 Jan 2020 shall be tested for nCoV since there is no incubation period. Six labs identified and activated to test for Coronavirus, six more functional by next day(31st January) . Directives issued for need for 14 days' home isolation for all those who have returned from China. States asked to open control rooms, appoint a nodal officer and popularize the control room number.43,346 passengers from 234 flights screened out of which 49 samples were sent to NIV for testing, 48 came negative
January 31, 2020	1	Quarantine centres are established at Manesar and Chawla Camp for those returning from Wuhan; 50 bed critical care facility set up at Safdarjung Hospital
February 1, 2020	1	India evacuates 324 citizens from Wuhan, China
February 2, 2020	2	330 Indians and 7 Maldivians evacuated from Wuhan, China

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COORDINATED ACTION

Date	Number of Cases	Action
February 3, 2020	3	<p>PM Modi constitutes Empowered Group of Ministers on COVID 19 headed by the Health Minister; E-GoM meets on the very same day. Principal Secretary to PM holds review meeting with Secretaries of Health, Defence, Home, External Affairs and Civil Aviation along with NSA Ajit Doval and CDS Gen Bipin Rawat.</p> <p>72,353 passengers from 539 flights in 21 airports, seaports and borders with Nepal screened till now. Universal screening in all flights from Singapore and Thailand besides Hong Kong and China is being done.</p> <p>2,815 people are presently under community surveillance in 29 States/UTs. Out of a total of 338 samples sent for testing, 335 have been found to be negative, 3 are positive, while 70 more are being processed.</p> <p>Travel advisory to refrain from travel to China</p> <p>e-Visa facility for Chinese passport holders has been temporarily suspended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-Visa already issued to Chinese nationals is not valid temporarily. • The facility for submitting the application online for the physical visa from China is suspended.”

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February 7, 2020	1	<p>Health Ministers statement to Parliament-</p> <p>I) Total of 1,275 flights have been screened covering a total of 1,39,539 passengers, and 150 passengers identified with symptoms have been referred to isolation facilities.</p> <p>II) 1,305 samples have been tested and 1,282 samples were found negative, 20 samples are under process and 3 samples have tested positive.</p> <p>III) Integrated Disease Surveillance network tracking 6,599 passengers across 29 States/UTs in the community till now</p> <p>IV) 305 symptomatic travellers referred to isolation facility and being monitored</p> <p>V) As on 6th February, a total of 31,161 confirmed cases and 636 deaths have been reported in China. A total of 275 confirmed cases have been reported outside China from 27 countries.</p> <p>VI) Health Secretary reviews preparedness of Ministries/Depts and States on Novel Coronavirus through video conference.</p> <p>VII) 85 ships from China and 4,274 passengers have been screened.</p>
February 13, 2020	13	Union Health Minister Dr Harshvardhan addressed the media on the status, actions taken and preparedness of States and relevant ministries on #COVID2019
February 21, 2020	3	States advised to regularly update the requisite information pertaining to screening and surveillance accurately and in a timely manner on the web portal which has been put in place as a special surveillance web tool to monitor the cases on a real time basis at the national level.

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February 22, 2020	3	<p>Universal screening at airports for flights from Kathmandu, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia.</p> <p>Citizens are advised to avoid all non-essential travel to Singapore.</p> <p>21,805 passengers have been brought under community surveillance. In addition, 3,97,152 flight passengers and 9,695 travellers at sea ports have been screened.</p> <p>Cabinet Secretary chaired a high level meeting to review the status, actions taken and preparedness of States/UTs regarding management of Novel Coronavirus (COVID19).</p>
February 24, 2020	0	<p>Screening of passengers is being done in all 21 airports, 12 major and 65 non-major seaports and border crossings.</p> <p>4,214 flights and 4,48,449 passengers have been screened so far.</p> <p>As of now, 2,707 samples have been tested of which only 3 samples had earlier tested positive (Kerala) and all the three patients have been discharged from the hospitals and are now in home isolation.</p> <p>In all, 23,259 persons were brought under community surveillance in 34 States/UTs through the Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme (IDSP) network.</p> <p>Health Minister holds another meeting to review preparation and further measures to contain Coronavirus.</p> <p>Screening of passengers from flights extended to those coming from Vietnam, Nepal, Indonesia and Malaysia</p>

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February 26, 2020	3	<p>People coming from Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history since 10th February 2020 may be quarantined for 14 days on arrival to India.</p> <p>Advisory issued asking Indians to refrain from non-essential travel to Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy.</p> <p>An Indian Air Force aircraft evacuated 76 Indians and 36 foreign nationals from the Chinese city of Wuhan, which has been the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak.</p>
February 27, 2020	3	<p>An Air India flight brought back to the national capital 119 Indians and 5 foreigners who were on board a cruise ship, which was docked off Yokohama in Japan and had been hit by the novel coronavirus outbreak.</p>
March 3, 2020	6	<p>Introduction of universal screening for international arrivals w.e.f. 3rd March 2020</p> <p>Prime Minister reviewed the preparedness on the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus across the Ministries and states</p>

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ALL OUT WAR AGAINST COVID-19

Date	Number of Cases	Action
March 4, 2020	28	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweets that he will not take part of any Holi Milan programme since experts are advising against mass gatherings to avoid spread of Coronavirus.</p> <p>A total of 6,241 flights covering a total of 6,11,167 passengers were screened. Review by PMO: Meeting re-affirmed a pro-active 'pan-government approach'; with specific areas of responsibility identified for various public authorities at the Centre, state and local levels.</p>

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March 7, 2020	34	<p>Prime Minister reviews the situation on COVID-19 with concerned Ministries.</p> <p>He exhorted the officers to identify best practices for COVID-19 management from across the world and within the states and ensure their adoption. He mentioned that in view of opinion of experts, people should be advised to avoid mass gathering.</p> <p>An Advisory is issued for all incoming international passengers retuning to India to self-monitor their health and follow the recommended DOs and DON'Ts, since more than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID-19.</p> <p>The Advisory also calls for passengers with travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, France, Spain and Germany to undergo self-imposed quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival, and their employers to facilitate work-from-home for such employees during this period.</p> <p>In addition to earlier visa restrictions, all regular Visas (including e-Visas) granted to nationals of France, Germany and Spain on or before 11.03.2020 suspended. Regular visas (including e-Visas) granted to all foreign nationals who have travel history to these countries on or after 1.2.2020 suspended.</p>
March 12, 2020	73	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweets: "The Government is fully vigilant about the situation due to COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus. Across ministries & states, multiple steps have been proactively taken to ensure safety of all. These steps are wide-ranging, from suspension of Visas to augmenting healthcare capacities.</p> <p>Prime Minister held telephonic discussions with the Prime Minister of the UK, H.E Boris Johnson, with Prime Minister of Israel H.E Benjamin Netanyahu on fight against COVID-19</p>

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March 13, 2020		Relaxation in the T&C for 'Other Service Providers' in the wake of Corona virus COVID-19 concerns
March 14, 2020	84	Network of labs equipped to test COVID-19 have been expanded to 52, in total. Disaster Management Act, the States/UTs can now draw funds from the State Disaster Response Fund, in addition to the funds from the state government and the NHM. Ministry of Home Affairs has issued detailed guidelines to States/UTs in this regard.
March 15, 2020	110	PM Narendra Modi led the way, in the spirit of collaboration and proposed creation of a COVID-19 Emergency Fund based on voluntary contributions from all the countries. also convened meeting of the SAARC leaders under India's leadership
March 16, 2020	125	PM urges people to share solutions for COVID-19 on MyGovIndia Hundreds of Indians stranded in Malaysia waiting at KLIA2 taken to different hostels, hotels etc. by High Commissioner of India, Kuala Lumpur
March 17, 2020	147	Prime Minister held telephonic discussions with Crown Prince of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia His Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman on fight against COVID-19
March 18, 2020	167	MHRD issues directions to UGC, AICTE, NTA, NIOS, CBSE, NCTE and all autonomous organisations under it for the postponement of all examinations till 31st March, 2020 Compulsory 14-day quarantine for those coming from Oman, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait Travel of passengers from EU, EUFTA, Turkey and UK prohibited.

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March 19, 2020	195	<p>Janta Curfew - Prime Minister in his address to the Nation, urged the people to voluntarily participate in the Janta Curfew for 14 Hours from 7 AM to 9 PM on the 22nd of March 2020.</p> <p>No scheduled international passenger aircraft shall be allowed to land in India w.e.f 22nd March 2020</p> <p>Indian Railways has announced additional measures to contain the spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19)</p> <p>Relaxation from compliance with certain provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 due to the CoVID -19 virus pandemic</p> <p>Export of Ventilators prohibited category.</p> <p>Prime Minister announced the creation of 'COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force' under the Union Finance Minister.</p>
March 20, 2020	258	<p>Ministry of Consumer Affairs fixes the retail prices of masks and Hand sanitizers are fixed at Rs 8.00 and Rs 10 for 2 ply, 3 ply and Rs 100 for every 200ml respectively. Prices to remain applicable till June 30, 2020.</p>
		<p>Prime Minister interacted with all the Chief Ministers of the country through a video conference, and requested for augmenting of testing facilities and greater support to vulnerable sections of the society.</p>

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March 21, 2020	325	<p>Only essential services will be allowed in 75 districts which have reported confirmed cases related to #Covid19India</p> <p>Prime Minister held a video conference with the Pharma Sector Representatives and asked the Pharma industry to work on manufacturing of RNA Testing Kits for COVID-19 on war footing.</p>
March 22, 2020	390	<p>Janta Curfew sees massive response from all across the nation.</p> <p>Ministry of Health releases list of National Labs testing in India.</p> <p>MTNL offers double data in all broadband plans of landline, mobile for a month</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All train services suspended till 31st March 2020 including sub-urban rail services. However, goods trains are exempted. 2. All metro rail services suspended till 31st March 2020. State Governments to issue orders allowing only essential services to operate in about 75 districts with confirmed COVID 19 cases. 3. Inter State passenger transport also to be suspended till 31st March 2020. <p>By 22nd March, India had the capacity to perform 50k-70k tests/week in Govt labs (France did 10k,UK-16k,USA-26k, Germany-42k,Italy-52k,SouthKorea-80k).</p> <p>Indian Railways relaxes Refund Rules for PRS counter generated ticket. Passengers are advised to avail the facility and avoid coming to Railway Station.</p>

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March 23, 2020	492	<p>States asked to strictly enforce lockdown in the specific districts, legal action against violators.</p> <p>The operations of domestic schedule commercial airlines shall with effective from the mid night 23.59 IST, March 24, 2020</p> <p>PM interacts with key stakeholders from Electronic Media. He asked the channels to spread scientific reports, involve informed people in their discussions and counter the spread of misinformation.</p> <p>IRDA has given Insurers to give extension of 30 days for payment of renewal premium; 15 day delay given to insurers for submission of monthly returns & 30 day delay for quarterly returns.</p> <p>Relaxation from compliance to REIs and InvITs due to the CoVID-19 virus pandemic</p> <p>Relaxation from compliance with certain provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and certain SEBI Circulars due to the CoVID-19 virus pandemic continuation.</p> <p>Relaxation in compliance with requirements pertaining to Mutual Funds</p> <p>PM Narendra Modi interacted with industry representatives via video conference from ASSOCHAM, FICCI, CII and several local Chambers, requested them to use their CSR funding for humanitarian causes related to the pandemic</p>

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March 23, 2020	492	<p>Prime Minister announces a complete lockdown for 21 days from 25th March 2020</p> <p>PM interacted with stakeholders from Print Media to underline the importance of social distancing and role of media to generate awareness.</p> <p>Finance Minister Smt. Niramla Sitharaman announced several important relief measures taken in view of COVID-19 outbreak, especially on statutory and regulatory compliance matters related to several sectors. She announced much-needed relief measures in areas of Income Tax, GST, Customs & Central Excise, Corporate Affairs, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code (IBC) Fisheries, Banking Sector and Commerce. It included extension of deadlines for compliance, waiver of penalty on delayed payments, late fee and other interest rate exemptions. The announcements were spread across:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GST/Indirect Tax • Customs • Financial Services • Corporate Affairs • Department of Commerce • Department of Fisheries”

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March 24, 2020	562	<p>The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in exercise of the powers under the National Disaster Management Act, 2005, has issued an Order today, directing the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, and the State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.</p> <p>Investment Promotion & Facilitation Agency, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry launched the Invest India Business Immunity Platform. It is designed as a comprehensive resource to help businesses and investors get real-time updates on India's active response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)</p> <p>Export of all artificial respiratory apparatus or oxygen therapy apparatus or any other breathing appliance/device prohibited; No Export of Sanitizers also</p> <p>Ministry of Railways decides to treat contract and outsourced employees 'on duty' during the period of suspension of Passengers services</p> <p>ECI defers Rajya Sabha poll in view of COVID-19</p> <p>MPLADS funds may be utilized address the challenges in the fight against COVID-19. This will facilitate Members of Parliament to recommend funds for purchase of equipments for Government Hospitals / Dispensaries for medical testing and screening of patients and also facilitate in setting up other related facilities in their respective constituencies.</p> <p>Department of Disabilities asks state governments to make all the information relating to COVID 19 be made available in accessible formats for the benefit of persons with disabilities</p>

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LOCKDOWN

Date	Number of Cases	Action
March 25, 2020	649	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with the President of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr Vladimir V. Putin to discuss the global situation in the context of COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the people of his constituency - Varanasi through video conferencing to discuss the outbreak of COVID-19</p> <p>Indian Navy Aircraft Transports Medical Team to Pune for Training to set up COVID Test Facility at Goa</p> <p>Army facility in Jodhpur received 277 evacuees from Iran that included 273 pilgrims.</p> <p>Group of Ministers reviews current status, and actions for management of COVID-19</p> <p>MHA issues an Addendum to the Guidelines regarding Nationwide Lockdown to fight COVID-19. Additional essential Goods and Services included in the Exempt List</p> <p>National Book Trust of MHRD launches #StayHomeIndiaWithBooks initiative. 100+ books can be downloaded from NBT's website in PDF format</p> <p>Ministry of Railways extends Cancellation of Passenger Train Services till 2400 hrs of 14th April, 2020. Freight Trains to continue operation to ensure supply of essential commodities</p>

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March 26, 2020	724	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi to exchange information and views on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad al Thani, the Amir of the State of Qatar. The leaders discussed the ongoing developments related to the COVID-19 global pandemic and its social and economic impact.</p> <p>Further relaxations from compliance with certain provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR) and the SEBI circular dated January 22, 2020 relating to Standard Operating Procedure due to the CoVID -19 virus pandemic.</p> <p>An Extraordinary Virtual G20 Leaders' Summit was convened to discuss the challenges posed by the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and to forge a global coordinated response.</p> <p>Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh reviews Ministry of Defence action plan to deal with COVID-19 where he urged the Armed Forces, Defence PSUs and other organisations to gear up preparedness and provide all required assistance to civilian authorities.</p>

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March 26, 2020	724	<p>PM Garib Kalyan Package provides RS 1,75,000 crore to the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance scheme for health workers fighting COVID-19 in Government Hospitals and Health Care Centres: Safai karamcharis, ward-boys, nurses, paramedics, technicians, doctors and specialists and other health would be covered by a Special insurance Scheme Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Farmers: Each farmer would be given Rs 2000 during the month of April 2020: would cover 8.7 crore farmers; total amount: INR 16000 crore b. Poor Households: To help women run their household during this difficult period 20.40 crores PMJDY women account-holders would be given an ex-gratia of Rs.500 per month for next three months. c. Gas cylinders: gas cylinders, free of cost, would be provided to 8 crore poor families for the next three months. Three gas cylinders would be provided during this period. d. Low wage earners in organised sector: Wage-earners below Rs.15000 per month in businesses having less than 100 workers are at risk of losing their employment. Government proposes to pay 24 percent of their monthly wages into their PF accounts for next three months. e. Support for 3 crore senior citizens (above 60 years), widows and Divyang: Government will give them Rs 1000 to tide over difficulties during next three months.

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March 26, 2020	724	<p>f. Food: 80 crore individuals, i.e, roughly two-thirds of India's population would be provided double of their current entitlement over next three months.</p> <p>i. Nutrition: one kg per family, of pulses like moong, toor, chana, urad would be provided for next three months.</p> <p>g. MNREGA: MNREGA wages would be increased by Rs 20 with effect from 1 April, 2020.</p> <p>h. EPF Regulations will be amended to include Pandemic as the reason to allow non-recoverable advance of 75% of the amount or three months of the wages, whichever is lower, from their accounts.</p> <p>i. Self-Help Groups: Limit of collateral free lending would be increased from Rs 10 to Rs 20 lakhs. This will impact 6.85 crore households</p> <p>Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan held a meeting to review actions and preparedness for COVID-19 management through video conferencing with Health Ministers, Chief Secretaries of States and UTs</p> <p>Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) had directed to process pension payment for 65 lakh pensioners alongwith requisite cheques to all pension disbursing banks in advance so that no inconvenience is caused to pensioners on account of nationwide lock down for containing Covid-19 outbreak.</p> <p>DST sets up task force for mapping of technologies by Start Ups on COVID-19</p>

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March 27, 2020	873	<p>RBI announces a slew of measures which injects a total liquidity of INR 3.74 lakh crore to the system.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodative stance of monetary policy as long as necessary to revive growth, while keeping inflation within the target. A cumulative reduction in the policy repo rate of 135 basis points RBI Slashes Repo Rate by 0.75% to 4.4%; Reverse Repo Rate Slashed by 0.9% to 4% RBI is monitoring financial conditions, will provide additional liquidity support if required CRR of all banks reduced by 100 basis points to 3.0 per cent of net demand and time liabilities (NDTL) with effect from the reporting fortnight beginning March 28, 2020 for a period of one year.

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March 27, 2020	873	<p>f. Decided to increase the accommodation under the marginal standing facility (MSF) from 2 per cent of the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) to 3 per cent with immediate effect. This measure will be applicable up to June 30.</p> <p>g. Banks to allow 3-months moratorium on all loans allowed. Loans interest pay to be deferred by 3 months</p> <p>a. In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned in the form of cash credit/ overdraft, three months on payment of interest in respect of all such facilities outstanding as on March 1, 2020 is deferred</p> <p>h. Implementation of NSFR is deferred by six months to October 1, 2020.</p> <p>i. Implementation of the last tranche of 0.625 per cent of the CCB from March 31, 2020 to September 30, 2020 is deferred”</p> <p>15 lakh international travellers arrived in India between Jan 18 and Mar 23, need monitoring of all: Cabinet Secretary to states</p> <p>Relaxation from compliance with certain provisions of the SAST Regulations, 2011 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>

