

**No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**

North Block, New Delhi-110001  
Dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

**ORDER**

**Subject: Constitution of the Empowered Groups under the Disaster Management Act 2005**

The pandemic of COVID 19 has engulfed the entire world posing serious challenges for the health and economic security of millions of people worldwide. During this unprecedented situation for effectively addressing issues, constraints and scenarios, a well-planned and coordinated emergency response has become essential.

2. The measures taken hitherto have been effective in containing the pandemic so far. However, considering the gravity and magnitude of the challenges, which are emerging with every passing day, there is a pressing need to augment and synchronise efforts cutting across various Ministries/Departments. Keeping in view the need for such comprehensive action and integrated response, in exercise of the powers conferred under the section 10(2)(h) and (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned in the capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby constitute eleven Empowered Groups of Officers (as per Appendix). These Groups are empowered to identify problem areas and provide effective solutions therefor; delineate policy, formulate plans, strategize operations and take all necessary steps for effective and time-bound implementation of these plans/ policies/ strategies/ decisions in their respective areas.

3. In matters involving procurement, the Empowered Group shall take into consideration special instructions given to the Departments vide Department of Expenditure OM No. F.6/18/2019-PPD dated 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and will take suitable decisions/ make recommendations in this regard. In such matters, the concerned Ministries/ Departments shall take immediate action to implement all the decisions/ recommendations of the Empowered Group.

4. During the deliberations, if any of the Empowered Groups is of the view that a particular aspect is not within the domain of that Group and falls within the scope of any other Group(s), they may seek the guidance of the Cabinet Secretary.

  
Home Secretary 29/03/2020

**Empowered Groups constituted vide Ministry of Home Affairs Order no No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)  
Dated 29.03.2020 for planning & ensuring implementation of Covid-19 Response Activities**

1	Medical Emergency Management Plan	<b>Dr. V Paul, Member NITI Aayog</b> Dr. Renu Swaroop, Secy, DBT Dr. V.Thiruppugazh, NDMA Lav Agarwal, JS, Health Dr. Amandeep Garg, JS,Cabinet Sect Rajender Kumar, Director, PMO
2	Availability of Hospitals, Isolation & Quarantine Facilities, Disease Surveillance & Testing and critical care training	<b>C K Mishra, Secy, EF&amp;CC</b> Vinod Yadav, Chairman, RB Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director AIIMS Dr. Raman R Gangakhedkar, Head ECD, ICMR Jiwesh Nandan, AS, Defence Rachna Shah, AS,Cabinet Sect Vikas Sheel, JS, Health Shrikhar Pardeshi, JS / Mayur Maheshwari, Director, PMO
3	Ensuring Availability of essential medical equipment such as PPE, Masks, Gloves & Ventilators; Production, Procurement, Import & Distribution	<b>P.D.Vaghela, Secy, Pharmaceuticals</b> Guru Mohapatra, Secy, DPIIT Ravi Capoor, Secy, Textiles Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary, DRDO M. Ajit Kumar, Chairman, CBIC Naveen Shrivastav, JS, MEA Anu Nagar, JS, DHR Mandeep Bhandari, JS, Health Piyush Goel, JS, Home A Giridhar, AS, Cabinet Sect AK Sharma, AS/ Rohit Yadav, JS,PMO
4	Augmenting Human Resources & Capacity Building	<b>Arun Panda, Secy MSME</b> R. S. Shukla, Secy Parl. Affairs Rajesh Kotecha, Secy, AYUSH Arun Singhal, Spl. Secy, Health Rakesh Kumar Vats, Secretary, NMC Dr. Ravindran, EMR Pankaj Aggarwal, JS, Cabinet Sect V. Sheshadri, JS, PMO
5	Facilitating Supply Chain & Logistics Management for availability of necessary items such as Food & Medicines	<b>Parameswaran Iyer, Secy, DWS</b> Rajender Singh, Member, NDMA Ravi Kant, Secy, F&PD Pawan Kumar Agarwal, Secy, Consumer.Affairs N. N. Sinha, Secy, Border Management Ashok Pandey, Member, CBIC N. Sivasailam, Spl Secy., Logistics &Commerce AVM Jha, JS, Air (Defence) Usha Padhee, JS, Civil Aviation Ashutosh Jindal, JS, Cabinet Sect. Tarun Bajaj, AS, PMO

6	Coordinating with Private Sector, NGOs & International Organizations for response related activities	<b>Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog</b> Dr. Vijayaraghavan, PSA Kamal Kishore, Member, NDMA Sandeep Mohan Bhatnagar, Member, CBIC Anil Malik, AS, MHA Tina Soni, DS, Cabinet Sect Gopal Baglay, JS, PMO / Aishvarya Singh, DS, PMO
7	Economic & Welfare measures	<b>Atanu Chakraborty, Secy, DEA</b> T.V. Somnathan, Secy Exp Hiralal Samariya Secy, Labour Rajesh Bhushan, Secy, RD Pankaj Jain Addl. Secy, DFS Amrapali Kata, DS, Cabinet Sect Arvind Shrivastava, JS / Kavitha Padmanabhan, Director, PMO
8	Information, Communication & Public Awareness	<b>Ravi Mittal, Secy, I&amp;B</b> Sunil Kumar, Secy, PR Syed Ata Hasnain, Member, NDMA Punya Salila Srivastava, JS, Home Padmaja Singh, JS, Health Sandeep Sarkar, JS, Cabinet Sect Gopal Baglay, JS / Hiren Joshi, OSD / Pratik Mathur, DS, PMO
9	Technology & Data Management	<b>Ajay Sawhney, Secy, MEITY</b> Anshu Prakash, Secy, DoT G S Toteja, ADG, ICMR N Yuvraj, DS, Health Bharat H Khera, JS, Cabinet Sect Pratik Doshi, OSD/Manharsinh Yadav, DS / Hardik Shah, DS, PMO
10	Public Grievances & Suggestions	<b>Amit Khare, Secy HRD</b> K. Shivaji, Secy, DAPRG Ashutosh Agnihotri, JS, MHA Meera Mohanty, Director, Cabinet Sect. Saurabh Shukla, Director / Abhishek Shukla, DS, PMO
11	Strategic issues relating to Lockdown	<b>Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, Home</b> Dr. V Paul, Member NITI Aayog V.P. Joy, Secretary, Coordination, Cabinet Sect. A. K. Sharma, AS / Arvind Shrivastava, JS / Abhishek Shukla, DS, PMO