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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 27th 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.
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| 1 | **Medical Emergency Management Plan**  
Dr. V Paul, Member NITI Aayog  
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**  
C K Mishra, Secy, EF&CC  
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**  
P.D. Vaghela, Secy, Pharmaceuticals  
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**  
Arun Panda, Secy MSME  
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**  
Parameswaran Iyer, Secy, DWS  
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 |
|   | Coordinating with Private Sector, NGOs & International Organizations for response related activities | Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog  
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 |
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| 7 | Economic & Welfare measures | Atanu Chakraborty, Secy, DEA  
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 | Ravi Mittal, Secy, I&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 | Ajay Sawhney, Secy, MEITY  
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 | Amit Khare, Secy HRD  
K. Shivaji, Secy, DAPRG  
Ashutosh Agnihotri, JS, MHA  
Meera Mohianty, Director, Cabinet Sect.  
Saurabh Shukla, Director / Abhishek Shukla, DS, PMO |
| 11 | Strategic issues relating to Lockdown | Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, Home  
Dr. V Paul, Member NITI Aayog  
V.P. Joy, Secretary, Coordination, Cabinet Sect.  
A. K. Sharma, AS / Arvind Shrivastava, JS / Abhishek Shukla, DS, PMO |