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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 19th April, 2021

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Preventive measures to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - Attendance of Central Government officials-regarding

In view of the unprecedented rise in the numbers of Covid-19 cases, and to take measures to prevent its spread, the following instructions / guidelines are issued for strict compliance by all Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Central Government : -

- a. Physical attendance of the officers of the level of Under Secretary or equivalent and below to be restricted to 50% of the actual strength. Secretary/HOD may regulate the attendance of officials and may, on administrative grounds, direct more officials to attend office. A roster may be prepared accordingly.
- b. All officers of the level of Deputy Secretary, equivalent and above are to attend office on regular basis.
- c. The officers / staff shall follow staggered timings, to avoid over-crowding in offices, as indicated below:
 - 9.00 A.M. to 5.30. P.M.
 - 9.30 AM to 6.00 PM
 - 10.00 A.M. to 6.30 P.M.
- d. All officials who do not attend office on a particular day are to make themselves available on Telephone and other electronic means of communication at all times from their residence and work from home.
- e. All officials residing in containment zones shall continue to be exempted from coming to office till the containment zone is de-notified.
- f. Persons with Disabilities and Pregnant women employees may be exempted from attending office, but they shall continue to work from home, until further orders.
- g. All officials who attend office shall strictly follow Covid-appropriate behavior including wearing of mask, physical distancing, use of sanitizer and frequent hand washing with soap and water.
- h. Crowding in lifts, staircases, corridors, common areas including refreshment

kiosk and parking areas is to be strictly avoided.

- i. Meetings, as far as possible, to be conducted through video-conferencing.
 - j. Entry of outsiders /visitors to be curtailed appropriately.
 - k. In compliance of OM of even number dated 6.4.2021, all employees of the age of 45 years and above are advised to get themselves vaccinated.
 - l. Proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of workplace, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces may be ensured.
2. All Ministries/ Departments / Offices as well as the Central Government employees are to ensure strict compliance of instructions on Covid-appropriate behavior issued by MHA, MoH&FW and DoP&T from time to time. Biometric attendance shall continue to be suspended and physical attendance registers to be maintained until further orders.
3. The above instructions / guidelines shall come into effect immediately and will remain in force until 30.04.2021 or further orders, whichever is earlier.



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