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Department of Health and Family Welfare
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Dear Colleagues,

Please refer to my previous communication to you dated 27th March 2020, regarding engagement of retired doctors, nurses and paramedics and for enlisting services of retired servicemen through Zilla Sainik Boards. As we continue to tackle the challenge of COVID-19 through the hard work being put in by you and your team, going forward it would be necessary to mobilize additional human resources for not only for keeping our hospitals ready to respond in case of spike in number of cases, but also for outreach activities such as contact tracing, community surveillance and effective implementation of home quarantine.

2. Please take note that the Ministry has already issued the guidance note for orientation of the Front Line Workers including ASHAs (the Community Health Volunteers). A copy of the guidance note is also enclosed herewith for ready reference. I request you to also engage ex-Servicemen, Central Armed Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) personnel and the NSS & NCC volunteers, available in your State, for assisting the communities in hospitals for effectively implementing social distancing norms and manning help desks etc.; and in helping the surveillance teams in facilitating contact with the community and also in providing feedback to district officials about observance of home quarantine and isolation. The CAPF and ex-Servicemen could also train and orient NSS & NCC volunteers.

3. It is requested that the CAPF official and personnel, NSS, NCC and other volunteers so identified may be suitably oriented regarding symptoms of COVID-19 and the precautions to be taken while contributing to the efforts of the Government.

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Yours sincerely,
Preeti Sudan
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Encl: As above

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