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Dt. 06 August, 2020

Dear *Madam/Sir,*

As you are aware, healthcare workers are in the fore-front of COVID management. One of the occupational hazards is risk of exposure and acquiring the disease. Advisory has already been issued on risk assessment and categorization of doctors and other healthcare workers exposed to COVID and categorizing them as high risk and low risk exposures (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/updatedAdvisoryforManagingHealthcareworkersworkinginCOVIDandNonCOVIDareasofofthehospital.pdf>).

2. Persons with high risk exposure to the virus while performing COVID duty are required to undergo quarantine initially for one week only. Thereafter, taking profile of such healthcare workers, a decision shall be taken by institution to extend quarantine for a further period of one week. This quarantine has been prescribed in larger public interest to stop spread of the disease.

3. During a hearing held on 31.07.2020 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP(C) No. 759/2020-Dr. Arushi Jain vs. UoI and others, it was pointed out that in some cases doctors and health workers, who are quarantined, their period of quarantine is being treated as on leave.

4. The matter has since been considered by this Ministry in consultation with Department of Personnel and Training, Govt. of India, and it has been decided that the quarantine period of doctors and health workers needs to be treated as 'on duty'.

5. All concerned may accordingly be directed to ensure that quarantine period of Doctors and health workers for their duties related to COVID-19 shall be treated as 'on duty' only.

With *regards,*

Yours sincerely,

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To,

1. ACSs/Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries (Health) of all States/UTs
2. Directors of all AIIMS
3. Directors / MS of all Central Government Hospitals