To
The Chief Secretaries of All States and union Territories

Subject: Request for support in movement of Officers/ Staff of Prasar Bharati (All India Radio and Doordarshan) to join back duty at their place of posting.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please refer to my earlier DO letter of even number dated 24th March 2020 (a copy enclosed). I am grateful for support from the State Authorities for continuing operations of Prasar Bharati (India’s Public Service Broadcaster) during all this critical/ tough time. I am happy to convey that during this period our team worked tirelessly to ensure that public is well informed about the situation and the steps being taken by the Central/ State Governments. Doordarshan and All India Radio have been working closely with various Education Departments to ensure mass education through TV and Radio broadcasts in every state and union territory during these circumstances.

2. During the lockdown period, some of our officers/ staff (on tour or station leave) were stranded at several places. They were allowed to join at the nearest establishment so that they can contribute to continued operations of the public service broadcaster. Now, with unlocking, such officers/ staff have been instructed to join back to their respective place of postings.

3. It has been brought to my notice that some of our officers / staff, who are trying to reach their posting stations, are facing problems in movement (especially on borders). This may hamper out operations as such people have already been relieved to join their posting station and they are not able to reach their place.

4. In view of above, I would request you to advise concerned administration units to allow Prasar Bharati officers/ staff who have been relieved to join their place of posting in Doordarshan and All India Radio centres in your state so that the all important mission of ensuring mass education through broadcasting continues uninterrupted in your state and union territory. I will be highly obliged.

With regards,

Yours sincerely

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