## Z-13020/14/2020-PH Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Government of India

Nirman Bhawan, New Dehli Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

## **OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Clarification regarding declaration of holidays for the states

- Maharasthra
- Gujrat
- Uttar Pradesh
- Sikkim

Kindly recalling all queries raised by state organization of queries regarding declaration of holidays of the above mentioned state.

- Experts across the world have advised to reduce mass gathering to avoid the spread of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus disease. In the view of the above, it is advised that mass gathering may be avoided or possibly be postponed till the disease spread is contained.
- As an step towards containing the disease Ministry of Health & Family Welfare declares holiday from the period of 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.
- This holiday is mandatory to all schools, colleges, educational institutes, work place having more than 10 employees present in at a time, all the statutory & local bodies of the state.
- In case of any breach of the order a fine of Rs. 5000/- will applicable per day.

States may take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

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