

F. No. Z-21020/159/2020-PH
Government of India
Department of Health and Family Welfare
(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)

Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
Dt. 23 September, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Issue of directions in pursuance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's orders dt. 07.09.2020 in Writ Petition(Civil) No. 560/2020- Gursimran Singh Narula vs. Union of India Ministry of Science and Technology & another.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had issued an advisory against spraying of disinfectant on people for COVID-19 management on 18th April, 2020.

2. Disinfectants are chemicals that destroy disease causing pathogens or other harmful microorganisms. It refers to substances applied on inanimate objects owing to their strong chemical properties. Hence spraying of individuals or groups with disinfectant using any modality is NOT recommended under any circumstances.

3. Disinfectants can be physically and psychologically harmful. It may lead to irritation of eyes, skin, and breathing difficulty and may potentially cause gastrointestinal effects such as nausea and vomiting.

4. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 560/2020, taking cognizance of this fact has directed Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to issue relevant directions in this regard.

5. In view of the above, it is reiterated that spraying of individuals with disinfectants using various modalities is not recommended and hence all States/Union Territories are directed to ensure that such practices are not implemented in the States/UTs.


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1. The Chief Secretary of all States/Chief Administrators of all UTs.
2. The Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO.
3. JS (Hospital), MoHFW.

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5. The Director, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Trivandrum.
6. The Chairman & Managing Director, HLL Lifecare Ltd., Trivandrum.

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The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary (Health) of all States/UTs.

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