

**F. 6/18/2019- PPD
Government of India,
Ministry of Finance,
Department of Expenditure**

**North Block, New Delhi.
Dated the 1st May, 2020**

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Special Instructions relating to relief operations for COVID-19 global pandemic – Procurement by Indian Missions – Extension regarding.

Attention is drawn to DoE's O.M. No. F.6/18/2019- PPD dated 1st April, 2020 whereby, in view of the urgency involved in the procurement of medical equipment and essential medical supplies, special instructions were issued for any emergent purchase relating to COVID-19 operations through the Indian Missions.

2. Reference has been received from Empowered Group No. 3 constituted vide Ministry of Home No. 40-3/2020-DM(A) dated 29th March, 2020 for Planning & Ensuring Implementation of COVID-19 Response Activities (Ensuring Availability of Essential Medical Equipment such as PPEs, Masks, Gloves & Ventilators; Production, Procurement, Import and Distribution) stating that orders have been placed or are in the process of being placed for various critical medical equipment required for COVID-19 operations. It is the assessment of Empowered Group No. 3 that the situation is still very dynamic and the projected requirements may vary and/or deliveries in number of orders placed may not materialise. There, may be requirement to place emergent orders for COVID-19 operations after 30.4.2020. Empowered Group No. 3 has, therefore, recommended extension of the special instructions issued by this Department vide O.M. of even dated 01.04.2020 till 31.5.2020 so as to facilitate placing orders under such instructions for procurement of medical equipment and essential medical supplies by the Indian Missions.
3. The request made by Empowered Group No. 3 has been considered. In view of the assessment of the situation by the Group and the request made, the terms of the said instructions for 'Procurement' (Part 1) and 'Expenditure Guidelines' (Part 2) are hereby extended till 31.5.2020 or till superseded another order, whichever is earlier.
4. These instructions are issued with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

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- i) The Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
 - ii) The Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals
 - iii) The Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare
 - iv) The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
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- vi) The Secretary, Department for the Promotion of Internal Trade and Industry
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