

**F.No. 23(4)/E.Coord/2020/1**  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
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North Block, New Delhi  
Dated 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Payment of Wages to Outsourced Persons of Ministries/Departments and other organizations of Government of India during lockdown period due to COVID-19.**

As a measure to avoid undue hardship during lockdown period to the contractual, casual and outsource staff of Ministries/ Departments and other organizations of Government of India, instructions were issued by Department of Expenditure [DoE] vide OM of even no. dated 23/03/2020 that any contractual, casual and outsource staff, who are required to stay at home in view of the lockdown order regarding COVID-19 prevention, shall be treated as "on duty" during such period of absence and necessary pay/wages would be paid accordingly.

2. These instructions also applies to all the Attached/Subordinate Office, Autonomous/ Statutory Bodies of Government of India and was valid upto 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

3. The lockdown period has since been extended from time to time and as per MHA's order dated 17/05/2020 the lockdown measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 have been extended upto 31.05.2020. Accordingly, the validity of DoE's instructions issued vide OM dated 23/03/2020 is hereby extended till 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020.



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To:

**All the Ministries and Departments of Government of India**