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The office Bearers/ Central Committee Members/ State Committee Chiefs
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Dear Comrades

Re: CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

Nationwide lockdown due to coronavirus pandemic is continuing for last one & half months. Third phase of the lockdown will come to an end on 17th May, 2019. Whether lockdown will come to end after this date, at present there is no clarity. Number of cases is increasing at alarming rate. It has already crossed figure of 60000. It took 74 days to reach figure of 10000, But now every 3rd day 10000 new cases are being added. Real danger is not from the cases detected, but it is from large number of unidentified cases who are freely roaming.

2. Due to economic compulsion and to ensure resumption of economic activities at the earliest, government may perhaps either lift lockdown completely or relax to the large extent after end of 3rd phas But on the basis of inputs/ opinion coming from several experts, June and July months will be very challenging and critical in the country for coronavirus There is danger that speed of addition of new cases is likely to be faster than earlier one. The following risk factors are worth noting

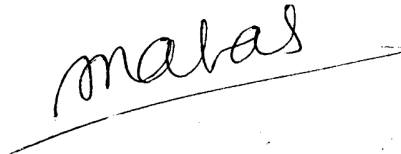
- (1) Lakhs of migrant labour and their families are still on streets making attempt to reach to their home town. How many are carriers among them will come to know in due course
- (2) Large number of Indians are in the process of returning to India from gulf and other countries in next 2/3 months.
- (3) Once the lockdown il lifted, public will have eagerness to come out of their houses as part of human behavior.
- (4) Health system/ public administration system have started feeling stress and strain due to long period involved. Even NGOs/ Social organisations engaged to support poor and needy people have also started feeling fatigue and resources constraint.

3. As we all know, senior citizens are the most venerable group for coronavirus attack. Risk factor to senior citizens is far greater in view of decreasing immunity system with advancing age. Therefore it is advisable for retirees to continue to take extra precaution in coming months of June & July even if lockdown is lifted by the government officially. We make humble appeal to all retirees and senior citizens to consider observing "**SELF IMPOSED LOCKDOWN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE & JULY.**" It will be big contribution from senior citizens in effective managing of the pandemic and defeating it finally.

3. We know retirees have fairly long span of life still left and two month period is not very long so we can have healthy and decent life thereafter. We are not raising the red flag and making humble appeal as part of logical way of risk management. But at the same time it is our humble request to remain positive without any fear. And each individual is the best judge to take the decision.

With Warm Greetings,

Yours Sincerely,

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GENERAL SECRETARY