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To,

Hon'ble Home Secretary,

Government of India,

New Delhi.

Subject:- Appeal for issuance of an advisory to the States against ordering mass/general transfers of teachers or any other category of employees.

Through E-mail

Sir,

As you are well aware, our Country is passing through a very critical stage of COVID-19. A large number of districts in the Country have been declared as Red Zones, and even some portions of such Red Zones have declared as Containment Zones, wherein a large number of restrictions have been placed on the movement of individuals and vehicles and all the offices of the Government, particularly Schools and Colleges, are closed for the time being. You may also kindly appreciate that on account of observance of very strict lockdown for about 40 days, the Corona disease has not reached its peak till date. As per a study referred to in various newspapers of today, the peak level of COVID-19 has been successfully postponed up to the end of June, 2020. Any undue violation of the guidelines issued by the Government of India, is therefore, fraught with serious risk.

With the aforesaid background, I may bring it to your kind notice that some of the State Governments are planning to order mass/general transfers of the Government employees, particularly that of the teachers. Such transfers at the present stage would be totally insensitive, inhumane and atrocious, more particularly between two placed in Red Zones, although it is undisputed that it does not take much time these days for conversion of a

Orange Zone into a Red Zone with a large number of persons suddenly testing Corona positive. Thus, it would be a prudent measure if the Government of India (Ministry of Home Affairs) issues an advisory to all the State Governments that none of the State Governments shall order mass/general transfers of the employees, particularly that of the teachers till further orders, so that the obvious threat to the lives of the Government employees by such transfers due to the present stage of COVID-19, may be averted.

Soliciting consideration in its true prospective.

Yours sincerely

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