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Department of Health and Family Welfare  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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*Dear Chief Secretary,*

The COVID-19 pandemic in India is showing a sustained declining trend since 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022. The average daily cases during last week were 50,476 and 27,409 new cases have been reported in the last 24 hours. The daily case positivity on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 has declined to 3.63%.

2. With the changing epidemiology of COVID -19 pandemic globally and in India, existing guidelines aimed at minimizing the transmission and circulation of virus have been reviewed and updated. Union Ministry of Health has accordingly revised its guidelines for international arrivals on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

3. In earlier months in view of the high Covid case trajectory, certain States had imposed additional restrictions at their borders and at airports. While effectively managing public health challenge of Covid-19, it is equally important that movement of people and economic activities should not be hampered by additional restrictions imposed at State level points of entries.

4. Presently, as the case trajectory across the nation is showing a sustained downward trend, it will be useful if States/UTs review and amend/do away with the additional restrictions so imposed after considering the trend of new cases, active cases and positivity within the State/UT.

5. The States/UTs must also continue monitoring the trajectory of cases and spread of infection on a daily basis. They may also follow the broad five-fold strategy of – ‘Test-Track-Treat-Vaccination & adherence to Covid appropriate behavior’.

6. I am sure that under your continued leadership the State/UT would continue to address the challenge of Covid-19 while minimizing its impact on lives and livelihood of the people.

*Warm Regards.*

Yours sincerely

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**To : Chief Secretary/Chief Administrators of all States/UTs**