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Dear Colleague,

This is with reference to the video conference chaired by the Cabinet Secretary today i.e. on 30<sup>th</sup> April with the Chief Secretaries and Secretary Health of the states. It is important to ensure that we identify pockets of critical interventions for a focused management of Covid 19 at the field level.

The districts were earlier designated as hotspots / red-zones, orange zones and green zones primarily based on the cumulative cases reported and the doubling rate. Since recovery rates have gone up, the districts are now being designated across various zones duly broad-basing the criteria. This classification is multi-factorial and takes into consideration incidence of cases, doubling rate, extent of testing and surveillance feedback to classify the districts. A district will be considered under Green Zone, if there are no confirmed cases so far or there is no reported case since last 21 days in the district.

Some states have raised issues on inclusion of certain districts in red-zone, I would like to highlight that this is a dynamic list. The list will be revised on a weekly basis or earlier and communicated to states for further follow-up action in consonance with the directions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. The list of the districts as per above classification is attached herewith in Annexure.

It is further highlighted that based on field feedback and additional analysis at state level, states may designate additional red or orange zones as appropriate. However, states may not relax the zonal classification of districts classified as red/orange as communicated by the Ministry.

For the districts having one or more municipal corporations, the corporations and other areas of districts may be treated as separate units. If one or more of these units have reported no cases for last 21 days, they can be considered as one level lower in zonal classification, in case the district is in Red/Orange Zone. District authorities should, however, exercise due caution in such areas so that these areas remain free from COVID19 cases.

It is critical to ensure that necessary action for containment so as to break the chain of transmission of virus is initiated in both red and orange zone districts reporting confirmed cases.

The containment zones in these districts have to be delineated based on:

- Mapping of cases & contacts
- Geographical dispersion of cases and contacts
- Area with well demarcated perimeter
- Enforceability

Depending on above factors, for urban areas – residential colony/mohallas/municipal wards or police-station area/municipal zones/towns etc. as appropriate can be designated as containment zones. Similarly, for rural areas – villages/clusters of villages or group of police stations/gram panchayats/blocks etc. as appropriate can be designated as containment zones. The area should be appropriately defined by the district administration/local urban body with technical inputs from local level. In the spirit of effective containment, it is advisable to err on the side of caution. Further, a buffer zone around containment zone has to be demarcated.

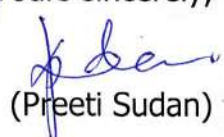
Necessary action should then be initiated in these areas as part of the Containment Action Plans already communicated including –

- Stringent Perimeter control
  - Establishing clear entry and exit points
  - No movement except for medical emergencies and essential goods & services
  - No unchecked influx of population
  - People transiting to be recorded & followed through IDSP
- Active search for cases through house to house surveillance by special teams formed for the purpose
- Testing of all cases as per sampling guidelines
- Contact tracing
- Clinical management of all confirmed cases

Similarly, in buffer zones, extensive surveillance for cases through monitoring of ILI/SARI cases in health facilities has to be taken up.

All States are accordingly requested to delineate the containment zones and buffer zones in the identified red and orange zone districts and notify the same.

Looking forward for your continued leadership for management of Covid 19 at the state-level.

*Warm regards*  
Yours sincerely,  
  
(Preeti Sudan)

Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs

## ANNEXURE

For the week after 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the list of red/orange/green districts is as below :

**Table 1:**  
**Number of districts per zone**

Red Zone	130
Orange Zone	284
Green Zone	319



**Table:2**  
**Classification of the districts – State-Wise**

State	Red Zone	Orange Zone	Green Zone	Total
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	1	0	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	5	7	1	13
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	25	25
Assam	0	3	30	33
Bihar	5	20	13	38
Chandigarh	1	0	0	1
Chhattisgarh	1	1	25	27
Dadra And Nagar Haveli	0	0	1	1
Daman And Diu	0	0	2	2
Delhi	11	0	0	11
Goa	0	0	2	2
Gujarat	9	19	5	33
Haryana	2	18	2	22
Himachal Pradesh	0	6	6	12
Jammu And Kashmir	4	12	4	20
Jharkhand	1	9	14	24
Karnataka	3	13	14	30
Kerala	2	10	2	14
Ladakh	0	2	0	2
Lakshadweep	0	0	1	1
Madhya Pradesh	9	19	24	52
Maharashtra	14	16	6	36
Manipur	0	0	16	16
Meghalaya	0	1	10	11
Mizoram	0	0	11	11
Nagaland	0	0	11	11
Odisha	3	6	21	30
Puducherry	0	1	3	4
Punjab	3	15	4	22
Rajasthan	8	19	6	33
Sikkim	0	0	4	4
Tamil Nadu	12	24	1	37
Telangana	6	18	9	33
Tripura	0	2	6	8
Uttar Pradesh	19	36	20	75
Uttarakhand	1	2	10	13
West Bengal	10	5	8	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>733</b>

**Table-3**  
**Zonal classification of districts**

Sr. No.	District	State	Zonal Classification
1	South Andamans	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	Red Zone
2	Nicobars	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	Green Zone
3	North And Middle Andaman	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	Green Zone
4	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh	Red Zone
5	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	Red Zone
6	Krishna	Andhra Pradesh	Red Zone
7	Chittoor	Andhra Pradesh	Red Zone
8	Spsr Nellore	Andhra Pradesh	Red Zone
9	West Godavari	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
10	Y.S.R.	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
11	Anantapur	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
12	Prakasam	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
13	East Godavari	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
14	Srikakulam	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
15	Visakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh	Orange Zone
16	Vizianagaram	Andhra Pradesh	Green Zone
17	Lohit	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
18	Changlang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
19	Dibang Valley	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
20	East Kameng	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
21	East Siang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
22	KurungKumey	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
23	Lower Dibang Valley	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
24	Lower Subansiri	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
25	Papum Pare	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
26	Tawang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
27	Tirap	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
28	Upper Siang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
29	Upper Subansiri	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
30	West Kameng	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
31	West Siang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
32	Anjaw	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
33	Longding	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
34	KraDaadi	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
35	Namsai	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
36	Siang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
37	Kamle	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
38	Lower Siang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone
39	PakkeKessang	Arunachal Pradesh	Green Zone