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To

The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories.

Subject: Postponement of 1st Phase of Census 2021 and Updation of NPR due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is regarding the commencement of field work of the Phase I of the Census, 2021 and updation of NPR (except Assam) in the States/UTs during April-September, 2020. With the support of State/UT government machinery, various preparatory arrangements were almost in place to start the field work timely in April, 2020 in many States/UTs.

2. However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, high alert has been declared by the Government of India as well as the States/Union Territories. The Ministry of Home Affairs vide order dated 24th March, 2020 has issued Guidelines with the directions for their strict implementation, on the measures to be taken by the Ministries/Departments of Government of India and State/Union Territory Governments for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic in the country. Lockdown has also been declared by many State/UT governments. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has issued advisories for various precautionary measures, including social distancing.

3. Keeping in view the above, the Phase I of Census 2021 and updation of NPR, which was to begin on various dates decided by the State/UT governments beginning from 1st April 2020 and other related field activities, are hereby postponed until further orders.

Yours faithfully,

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