Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/309
Dated: Chandigarh, the 17th day of April, 2020.


These instructions dated 14.04.2020 of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India may kindly be complied with and necessary orders immediately issued to all concerned.

Additional Chief Secretary (Home)
17.04.2020

CC:
1. CPS/CM
2. CS
3. PSCM
4. PSH&FW
5. DGP Punjab
6. ADGP-Law & Order
IMMEDIATELY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(INTERNAL SECURITY-I DIVISION)

Dated, the 15th April, 2020

To

1. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators/ Advisers to Administrators, All State Governments/ Union Territories.
2. Directors General of Police, All States/ Union Territories
3. Commissioner of Police, Delhi

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed D.O. No. S-12016/99/2019-NACO (NBTC) dated 14.4.2020 (Copy enclosed) received from Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regarding promotion of voluntary blood donation program through National Blood Transfusion Council in coordination with the State Blood Transfusion Councils (STBCs) to fulfill the critical requirement of blood throughout the country.

2. In this regard, it is requested that suitable directions may be given to the State, District and other field level officers to facilitate the unhindered movement of blood mobile vans and transportation vans and movement of the voluntary blood donors. It may be ensured that blood mobile teams are identified through permission letters from STBC and Donor Appointment Letters issued from licensed blood centres.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(Srinivasu K.)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy to the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirmal Bhavan, New Delhi.
Dear Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, through National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) is committed for promotion of voluntary blood donation program to fulfill the clinical requirement of blood throughout the country. NBTC works in coordination with State Blood Transfusion Councils in various States for promotion of safe blood access and voluntary blood donation. There are 3311 licensed blood centres in the country which are collecting around 12.4 million units of blood per year.

In view of the outbreak of COVID-19 and complete lockdown since 25th March, 2020, all modes of transportation as well as movement of common people is stopped. Though the overall requirement of blood has come down, collection of blood from healthy voluntary blood donors is essential to be continued to meet the requirements of thalassemic children, pregnant women and other emergency need for blood transfusions even during this period. As a result of the lockdown, collection and transportation of blood and blood components has become a challenge and media has reported blood shortage in blood centres in some parts of the country.

State Blood Transfusion Councils have taken all necessary steps to maintain adequate stocks of safe and tested blood by judiciously continuing blood donation activities, but are facing difficulties in getting the permission for movement of blood mobile vans, blood transportation vans and voluntary blood donors are finding it difficult to reach blood centres and outdoors to donate despite having Donor appointment letters.

It is requested that suitable directions may be given to the law enforcement officers at State and District level to facilitate the unhindered movement of blood mobile vans and transportation vans and the movement of voluntary blood donors. It will be ensured that the blood mobile teams are identified through permission letters from State Blood Transfusion Councils and Donor Appointment Letters issued from licensed blood centre. This support will go a long way in ensuring uninterrupted collection of blood throughout the country and mitigation of any shortage thereof.

Yours sincerely,

(Preeti Sudan)

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