From

Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to Government Haryana.
2. All the Heads of Departments and Commissioners of all Divisions in Haryana.
3. The Registrar, Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.
4. All the Deputy Commissioners of the State of Haryana.
5. All the Managing Directors/Chief Administrators of Boards/Corporations in Haryana.
6. The Registrar of all the Universities in Haryana

Dated Chandigarh, the 8th May, 2020

Subject: Preventive measures to contain the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)-Guidelines for protection and safety of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) during COVID-19.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to inform that blind and other disabled employees are more vulnerable to Corona virus disease in view of their extensive dependence on 'touch'. It is neither in their interest nor in the interest of other employees to insist the attendance of blind and other disabled employees in the offices even if they are working in essential services.

2. The matter has been considered by the Government and it has been observed that in case blind and disabled employees are not exempted from attending the offices in the wake of spread of Corona virus, including those working in essential services such as Health, Municipal Corporations, Police etc., they would not only risk themselves but could also potentially be harmful for co-workers as well. The persons with severe disabilities are therefore exempted from attendance.

3. The Heads of Departments/Heads of offices are advised that while drawing up roster of staff the employees who are persons with severe disabilities may not be called for duty.

All concerned are directed to comply with these instructions/directions in letter and spirit.

Yours faithfully,

Superintendent, General Services-1,
for Chief Secretary to Government Haryana.