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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Department of Social Justice and Empowerment

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated: 20.05.2021

To

**The Principal Secretaries
All States/UTs.**

Subject: Vaccination of Transgender Persons-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to say that Transgender community is critically affected by COVID19 situation. Due to lack of awareness on vaccination and stigma at the vaccine centre towards transgender community, many transgender persons are not able to get vaccinated and are getting prone to falling ill because of the virus.

2. In this regard, an awareness drive on vaccination specifically reaching out to the Transgender community can be initiated in vernacular to ensure that they are aware and informed about the vaccination process and can avail the services without any hindrance.

3. You are also requested to ensure that the existing Covid / vaccination centers functional in the State are Transgender friendly and no discrimination is shown towards Transgender Persons who come for vaccination.

4. It is requested to open separate vaccination camp or mobile booths for vaccination of Transgender community, that have been taken up by some states such as Haryana & Assam. These separate camps or booths can help the members of the community come out for vaccination without any fear and stigma.

5. In this connection, a kit of essential items like masks and sanitizers may also be distributed along with awareness material in local language through these camps for protection against Covid-19.

6. This letter issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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