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Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying  
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*Dear Sir / Madam,*

As you are aware, the Covid 19 pandemic continues unabated and in the wake of the recent situation in the country, states are resorting to restricting movement of goods and people in order to cut transmission of the disease. However, certain exemptions have been mentioned under 'essential services' that includes hospitals.

However, it may be recalled that the list of essential services was extended to veterinary hospitals by MHA in their order of 25 March 2020 (copy enclosed). Further, you may also recall that an advisory to States/UTs, dated 23 March 2020, was issued by the Department (copy enclosed) wherein it was emphasized that in view of the necessity of ensuring continuous emergency services in the animal husbandry and veterinary health sector, especially in emergent animal health situations, these may include, but not restricted to, animal disease diagnosis and treatment, monitoring of emergency livestock and poultry diseases, immediate disease reporting, etc.

It was requested that veterinary hospitals and dispensaries in the State including private veterinary clinics, veterinary pathologies, animal shelters, etc. function in the normal course and veterinary services be included in 'Essential Services'. As similar situation prevails in the country, this request is reiterated. However, all Covid 19 norms, including compulsory wearing face masks, maintaining physical distance and personal hygiene must be maintained.

*With regards,*

Yours sincerely,

*Upamanyu Basu*  
(Upamanyu Basu)

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