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All the Lead District Managers in West Bengal

Re: Functioning of Bank branches during Lockdown

We draw your attention to the guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs vide Order No. 40-3/2020- DM-I(A) dated 15-04-2020 .While Financial Sector activities eligible to remain functional has been mentioned under item no 7, the operational guidelines in Hotspots and Containment Zones have been incorporated under item no 2 .It is mentioned inter alia that

- > Containment Zones will be demarcated by States/UTs/District Administrations.
- In these Containment Zones, the activities allowed under these guidelines will not be permitted. There shall be strict perimeter control in the area of the Containment Zones to ensure that there is no unchecked inward/outward movement of population from these Zones except for maintaining essential services (including medical emergencies and law \$ order related duties) and Government business continuity.
- Under item no 21(i) it has also been informed that District Magistrate shall enforce the National COVID 19 directives as specified in the Order.

On the above backdrop we advise all the LDMs to remain in regular contact with the District Authorities and any directives received from the Authorities w.r.t. functioning of bank branches in the declared Containment Zones in the Hotspots should be complied with by the bank branches. In case of any temporary shutdown of bank branches in the specified Zones, it should be done in consultation or as guided by the Authorities only.

Needless to say that in such cases, proper public notices should be displayed at the branch premises with requisite information of the nearby branches, contact details of the Branch Head,/ Controlling Office, etc.

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