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## Appeal

30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

"Public Police" is Registered NGO headed by Hon'ble Justice K.G. Balakrishnan Ex-CJI Ex-Chairman of NHRC and other members are retired High Court Judges, Former Sr. I.A.S and I.P.S Officers and distinguished Members of civil Society. Its purpose is to bring people close to the police by projecting them as friends who deal with crime effectively and help with care and tenderness and is bringing the activities of policing shoulder to shoulder with the common man. Its purpose is to access the society at large when police is overburdened at the time of disaster, natural calamity, wartime situation. Unfortunately such situation has come in from of covid-19

Our Hon'ble Prime Minister has taken all steps to curb Covid-19 including lockdown of entire country for 3 weeks i.e. up to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Hon'ble P.M has repeatedly made appeal to people to stay at home and have social distancing and avoid assembly of people as this is only going to work to prevent Covid-19

The Public Police Organization cannot shut its eyes rather it is duty bound and plays the role of bridge between the Govt. and society and to inform the Govt. about ground reality so that the situation which is controlled by Govt. becomes more effective.

Under the said circumstances "Public Police" having more than one crore members of CAPSI Security Guards and eminent citizens of highest tribute to monitor this organization. Now it is the call of the nature, the police is working as social servant/relief worker, when the persons are confined to their house to save their lives. At this moment of crises, such persons under lockdown situation, apart from food also need to be handled respectfully as they are not criminals, Police should not use force, except the self defence as the circumstance before the police is unprecedented. Police need to put their human face forward under this extraordinary circumstance. Some video, photos have come in media may be innocently, Police is using force to keep such persons inside their house, at the same time some good pictures have also come where Police is participating in relief work. The burden over the Police is manifold as they are also serving the society at the cost of their lives and health.

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Public Police consider that if this situation continues, some volunteers may stand up with the police to assist Police round the clock duty and the burden on police can be reduced and at the same time Human, sympathetic face of police and Govt. is introduced to the public at large. Covid-19 requires a long term planning which cannot solely depend on Govt. agencies, therefore Govt. already initiated the move to drain the Aganwadi's, A.N.M' and others but they are not trained for this situation, which requires special training, special mind and heart, skills and special management. We salute our all doctors, nurses and paramedical staff and all banking and essential services (water, electricity and food and medicine supply) who are serving society round the clock to curb Covid-19

Under extraordinary unique circumstances we have to initiate and ignite the social workers, who are having good experience of either serving the society or Govt. at top positions having roots in the society, who will assist and help in implementation of Govt. directions to fight Covid-19 and promote better cooperation by interacting with the persons to stay in houses and maintain social distance and also work as cushion between anger of Public and Police ultimately it will help the Govt. in minimising virus and conflict between the common man and Police.

Our organization has noticed that common man hesitates in interacting with the police. Therefore for the lockdown situation it is desirable in the interest of nation that there should be mixed use of voluntary policing and Govt. policing

Govt. must consider that Selfless workers/ distinguished persons be conferred the power of special police officers/ Honorary Magistrate so that public grievances be handled in better manner particularly in light of less number of police force in comparison to population till the time police reforms takes place.

Member of Public Police are distributing food to hungry poor people in various areas of the country. I appeal to one and all that let this vast army of the members of Public Police ensure that no Indian remains hungry in this hour of crisis. Let me share a positive opinion. Till 29th March total number of patients in India is 1029. We are fortunate that there is no community spread (phase 3) till now. There is very rigorous and meticulous contact screening on. So please don't fall to speculative news.

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Most of the cases detected so far seem to be clustered around earlier detected patients. As per hospital reports most of the positive cases are of mild symptoms. Yes it is still early days....but that is what it is. Those who passed away had other severe conditions. Therefore, there is no room to panic but the need for prevention should not be ignored. We have to make sure that lockdown is followed by every citizen of the country. Prevention is better than cure.

All members are requested to donate generously in PM CARES Fund in fighting corona virus pandemic.

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