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Shri Rajesh Bhusan, IAS
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Dear Sir,

COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE
EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REGISTRATION FOR FLWS

We wish to bring to your notice the following issues for your immediate intervention and necessary resolution.

02. You are aware that all efforts have been made by the Government to saturate vaccination of HCWs and FLWs who are highly susceptible to contamination on priority basis to protect them from the dreaded corona virus. Experts say that there is an urgent need to quicken vaccination in the wake of rising cases across the country. Vaccination of FLWs commenced from 2nd February 2021 and the same was extended up to 6th March 2021. The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has notified vide their communication D.O.1940407/2020/Imm dated 03.04.2021 that no fresh registrations in categories of FLWs will be allowed with immediate effect despite the fact that the bankers are highly susceptible to infection as the second wave has surged with record number of fresh cases daily throughout India.

03. It is worthwhile to mention that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Management of Covid-19 Pandemic and related issues in its 229th Report has appreciated the efforts and pain taken by the banking sector for providing uninterrupted and seamless banking facilities during the COVID-19 outbreak and consequent lockdown. In their sincere efforts to provide continuous service, many of the bank officials also lost their valuable life. The Committee, therefore, recognized the bank officials as Covid -19 warriors. However, the communication issued by Department of Financial Services was only on 22nd March 2021.

04. It is pertinent to mention that due to Annual Closing related the employees and officers could not register themselves as FLW within the stipulated date i.e. 03.04.2021.

05. In the above backdrop, we request your good office to extend the time of registration for vaccination for the FLWs on priority basis at least up to end of April 2021 to enable all the **Bank Employees and Officers** to get vaccinated at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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