

22nd April, 2021

Through e-Mail

**Shri Narendra Modi Ji,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India,
Government of India.**

Subject: Immediate Action needed in light of COVID-21

Respected Hon'ble Prime Minister,

We at the Health Parliament – A Think Tank on Evidence-Based Policymaking, would like to draw your attention to the situation arising from COVID-21.

Pursuant to the situation arising out of COVID-21, we can see many states have announced lockdowns and curfews; we request you to immediately consider the following actions keeping in mind the psychological health of our citizens:

- Issue a notice/guideline for all the ambulance and other emergency service providers to only use the red light, and not use the sirens / high-pressure horns/ hooters in the ordinary course of travel.
- Since the lockdown has been imposed and people are staying indoors, the traffic is comparatively less, the sound of ambulance sirens creates fear in the mind and also affects the psychological health of our people who are already scared to hell due to high octane coverage in the news and messages coming through social media.
- Ambulances should be directed to honk or use the siren only when stuck in traffic.

In such trying times, we need to be more cautious and take utmost care of factors affecting the psychological health, and movement of ambulance which is supposed to ease the situation of a patient, but due to these sirens, it is creating anxiety when passing through residential areas.

While we need to be cautious, but not scared, and sirens from the ambulance can increase fear and anxiety amongst the general populace.

We hope that, given the seriousness of the situation, you will direct the concerned authorities to take immediate actions. Needless to mention, we remain at your disposal for any further details or clarification and support.

Best regards,



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