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(Department of Personnel and Training)

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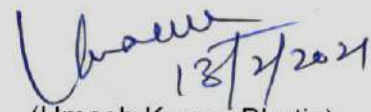
North Block, New Delhi  
Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Preventive measures to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Opening of Departmental Canteens regarding.

The undersigned is directed to refer to OMs of even number dated the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 whereby Departmental Canteens in Central Government Ministries/Departments/Offices were directed to be closed.

2. The matter has been reviewed and it has been decided that all Departmental Canteens may be opened. The Canteen employees are to strictly follow hygiene & safety protocols to avoid crowding, especially at the distribution/sale counters. A Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) on preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 in offices, containing provisions specifically in para 4(xxiii) in respect of cafeteria/canteen/dining halls, issued by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare on 13.2.2021 is also available at <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/SOPonpreventivemeasurestocontainspreadofCOVID19inoffices.pdf> for strict compliance.



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