

ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF BHUTAN

MINISTRY OF FINANCE TASHICHHO DZONG THIMPHU

FINANCE MINISTER

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NOTIFICATION

Sub: Prevention and Containment of COVID-19.

With the first confirmed case of novel Corona Virus reported on 5th March, 2020 the foremost priority for the Government is to contain and prevent the spread of the virus. While the Government is fully dedicated to the containment and prevention of the spread of the virus, the Ministry of Finance in keeping with Section 66 of the Public Finance (Amendment) Act 2012 and Sections 81 and 89 of the Disaster Management Act of Bhutan 2013, hereby establishes the following measures for effective and timely response:

1. All relevant agencies are requested to contact Finance Secretary at 17612860 and email at ndorji@mof.gov.bt on budget, procurement and any other requirements for prompt action;

2. The Ministry of Finance shall ensure provision of adequate budget to the agencies for prevention and containment of the spread of the virus COVID-19;

3. The Ministry of Finance shall also facilitate direct and least time for procurement of goods and services;

4. The Ministry of Finance, conscious of the impact of COVID-19 on the domestic economy, in consultation with the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan, Ministry of Economic Affairs and relevant agencies is putting appropriate counter measures to minimize impact on the economy from outbreak of COVID-19.

Therefore, all Government agencies and general public are requested to avoid any activities that could disrupt the economy. The Government will ensure all services are provided without any disruptions.

Minister

Namgay Tahering Ministry of Finance

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3. All Ministers/ ConstitutionalBodies/Cabinet SecretariatAutonomousAgencies/Dzongkhags/Thromdes/Gewogs;

The Auditor General, Royal Audit Authority, Thimphu;

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