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सभामुख, राज्य सभा
CHAIRMAN, RAJYA SABHA

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Hon'ble Members,

Namaste

Owing to the outbreak of dreaded COVID-19, the world is in the grip of a calamity of extremely severe nature. Keeping in view the intensity and magnitude of the crisis, the World Health Organization has declared it as a pandemic. Given the catastrophic effects of this virus which has already taken a heavy toll of life and is affecting lakhs of people across the globe, huge expenditure is needed to contain it's spread and for treatment of the affected people in the country. The central and State Governments are doing their best to tide over the daunting challenge.

Keeping in mind the need for having a dedicated national fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like the one posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected, Government has set up a public charitable trust under the name of 'Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund' (PM CARES Fund). This fund will enable micro-donations as a result of which a large number of people will be able to contribute with smallest of denominations. It is the need of the hour that we, as representatives of the people, generously contribute to this enormous effort undertaken in the country to contain the spread of this virus.

I have contributed my one month's salary towards the PM CARES Fund for this great humanitarian cause. I request Hon'ble Members also to consider contributing their one month's salary towards the PM CARES Fund.

Yours Sincerely,

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All Members of Rajya Sabha.