Q—13016/01/2017-DISHA Government of India Ministry of Rural Development Department of Rural Development (Monitoring Division- DISHA)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110003 Dated 9th July 2020

To

Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary Department of Rural Development of All States/UTs

Subject: Conducting DISHA meeting through video conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM)

Sir/Madam,

As per the guidelines of District Level DISHA Committee, the meeting of the DISHA Committee is required to be held at least once in every quarter. Such quarterly meetings may be arranged on any day during third week of April, July, October and February with the permission of Chairperson. The DISHA committees with participation of persons from all sphere of society, including elected representatives, provide a platform where issues of important and emergent nature can be discussed and a State/ District specific implementation strategy for development plans in wake of COVID-19 can be formulated.

- 2. Guidance has been sought about manner of holding DISHA Committees meeting in existing situation of COVID-19 outbreak. Keeping the social distancing norms in view during ongoing situation of COVID-19, it is advised that the DISHA Committee meetings may be conducted through video conferencing (VC) or other audio visual means (OAVM) with the help of Local NIC unit. All communications (Notice/Agenda/ Follow-up of action items/ report etc.) shall only be sent through electronic channel.
- 3. DISHA Dashboard and DISHA Meeting Management Software may suitably be utilized for conduct of DISHA meetings. In case of any assistance required for DISHA Dashboard and DISHA Meeting Management Software, a mail may be sent to *support.disha-mord@nic.in*.
- 4. With formulation of effective strategy based on consultation and coordination in DISHA Committee meetings, we would be able to overcome the situation caused by COVID-19.

Yours faithfully

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- 1. All Chairperson of District Level DISHA Committees
- 2. Members Secretary of DISHA Committees i.e. District Collectors/Magistrate of all Districts
- 3. DDG, NIC, Ministry of Rural Development, to coordinate with State to extend all support to District in holding meeting through VCs.