



Given the extent of the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) which has affected over 110 countries, including India, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has circulated an advisory stating that the corporate sector would be required to play a key role in implementing the strategic policy decision of social distancing in order to deal with this public health situation, which is most crucial for reducing the rate and extent of the disease transmission at community level.

Taking cognizance of the gravity of this situation, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has relaxed the rules with respect to meetings of Board and dispensed with the necessity of holding physical board meetings on matters related to approval of financial statements, board report, restructuring, etc. upto 30th June 2020. The meetings of Board can be conducted through video conference or other electronic/telephonic/computerized means.

The Ministry has strongly advised to all companies/LLPs to put in place an immediate plan to implement the “Work from Home” policy as a measure till 31st March 2020 as part of the disaster management to meet this urgent and severe health emergency.

Also, in order to generate greater awareness and confidence on the state of readiness, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs is in the process of developing and deploying a simple web form for companies/LLPs to confirm their readiness to deal with the COVID-19 threat. The web form named CAR-2020 (Company Affirmation of Readiness towards COVID-19) should be filed by an authorised signatory of Companies & LLPs. CAR-2020 shall be deployed on 23rd March 2020. All companies/LLPs are advised by the Ministry to report compliance using CAR-2020 on the immediate basis.

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