## **National Association of Professional Social Workers in India**

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Hon'ble Minister,

Greetings from National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI)!

We are appreciative of MoHFW, Government of India and efforts taken so far under your able leadership. The Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi ji has ably guided the country and other countries of the world in this tough time.

At the outset, we would like to introduce National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and its mission. Established in 2005, it is the largest association of Professional Social Workers in India and is committed to advance excellence in education, training and practice of professional social work in India. With members drawn from across the country, NAPSWI aims to advance the knowledge and practice base of social work interventions that enhance quality of life and standard of living of persons, their family and environment. We have 526 schools of Social Work and members of NAPSWI across the country.

We, the members of social work fraternity, are providing distinguished services in social sector in general and the health system in particular. Professional social workers are rendering yeoman services to people as medical social workers, medical social service officers, and psychiatric social workers and in many others capacities from policy level to programme implementation and services delivery at central, state and district level. We wish to apprise you that many professional social workers are already providing their services like counseling, psycho social support, volunteering, IEC, managing relief and rehabilitation, and many more ways. We have also made a mall contribution to PM Care Fund.

We at NAPSWI reiterate our commitment to fight with COVID 19 and assure our wholehearted support to you, MoHFW, Government of India, various State Governments and other stakeholders. We will be happy to associate in any suitable task required by the ministry in combating COVID-19.

With kind regards

Prof Sanjai Bhatt Dr Suresh Pathare

**President** Secretary