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## Request to reduce in-house studio recordings in view of Covid infection threat

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# **ASSOCIATION OF RADIO AND TELEVISION ENGINEERING EMPLOYEES (ARTEE)**

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**Dated:**

**The Director General (Doordarshan),  
(By Name : Sh.Mayank Kumar Agrawal)  
Doordarshan Bhawan,  
Copernicus Marg,  
New Delhi – 110001**

**SUB : Request to reduce in-house studio recordings in view of Covid  
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**Respected Sir,**

As you are kindly aware, many Akashvani & Doordarshan staff have fallen victim to Covid-19. In some Kendras the rate of corona infections is so high that it has become increasingly difficult to maintain even transmission shifts. The recent Second wave of COVID-19 has caused mass infections among staff resulting in some fatalities too. Staff members who are coming to office against all the odds are apprehensive of their life.

You are well aware that the subordinate staff of AIR and Doordarshan have promptly risen to the occasion in face of this huge pandemic and ensured related coverage, be it interviews with doctors, awareness programmes on Covid, real time information sharing, etc, unmindful of any personal risk. At the same time, we have not neglected coverage of regular news, agriculture, health, business/share market related programmes etc.

However, the risk of infection due to arrival of guests for in-house studio recordings has proved to be quite high and very concerning. These programmes, by their very nature, involve a large number of artists and their attendants, all forced to share the same studio floor with the on-duty staff. Such crowding is the ideal place for infection.

However, in spite of such risks, if such studio recordings/live productions are Covid/health related, we are very willingly producing such programmes, in spite of personal risk, in the interest of the general public. In fact it would be better to adopt online participation of guests/experts for the important programmes based on Health/COVID to minimise the risk of infections in studios/Kendras.

But, there is a need to curtail all other studio recordings and live productions not only to contain the risk of infection, but due to the very fact that in many Kendras there has already been a large number of infections and transmission is running with skeletal staff.

Hence, we request your good self to instruct all Kendras to avoid nonmandatory in-house studio productions until the Covid situation improves.

With Highest Regards,

<b>M.P.Chaudhari , President Mob9415759575</b>	<b>Manoj Kumar Gupta, General Secretary, Mob: 9868344894</b>
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