Subject: Observance of silence on 30th January in the memory of those who gave their lives in the struggle for India’s freedom.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that on 30th January every year, two minutes' silence is observed at 11:00 A.M., throughout the country, in the memory of those who gave their lives in the struggle for India's freedom.

2. The following standing instructions have been laid down for observance of this day:

(i) Silence should be observed and work and movement stopped for two minutes throughout the country at 11:00 A.M. on 30th January every year.

(ii) Wherever available, the commencement and termination of the two minutes' silence period should be indicated by sound of siren or Army guns. Sirens should be sounded from 10:59 hrs till 11:00 hrs and after two minutes, all clear sirens should again be sounded from 11:02 hours till 11:03 hours. This procedure may be adopted where sirens exist.

(iii) On hearing the signal (wherever available), all persons would stand up and observe the silence. It would be more effective if people could gather at one place for observing the silence instead of each person standing in his room or at any other place. However, effort need not be made to assemble at one place if it involves serious dislocation of work.

(iv) At places where no signal system is available, suitable instructions can be passed on to all concerned for observing the silence for two minutes at 11:00 A.M.