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To
Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman,
Hon Minister for Finance,
Government of India,
New Delhi

Madam,

At a time when the entire banking workforce is concerned with fear and apprehension about their health since they are required to expose themselves to large number of customers in the Branches where they work, it is heartening to see your encouraging tweet appreciating the good work being done by the Bank Mitras / Business Correspondents.

Regular bank employees are already looking forward to the ensuing week with great fright and panic since there would be huge rush in the Branches to take the benefit of the various schemes announced by you day before yesterday.

There is no public transport to reach the Branches and Bank managements are not arranging any transport facility. Secondly the large crowd that would flock to the Branches would pose a serious health threat both to the staff as well as to the customers who are crowded in the branch premises.

So far there is no clear instruction as to how the Bank managements are going to regulate the crowd that will virtually invade the Branches. Kindly give some instructions to the Banks as otherwise, we are afraid, there would be chaos and tensions in the Branches.

Equally important would be the role of Bank Mitras and Business Correspondents whose job would greatly multiply in the coming days.

They face the problem of lack of transportation to reach the people in the remote villages.

They also need to protect themselves with gloves, and sanitizing liquid, etc. since all their transactions are done through machines which has to be touched every time by the BCs and the customers. Hence some Ex-gratia payment needs to be made to them for their transportation and sanitisation.

Since they are also getting exposed to the public at large and are running high risk of getting infected and since they belong to a very marginal remuneration group, we shall thank you to advice the IBA and Banks that the BCs are extended some medical insurance cover for the next three months to meet any eventuality of treatment on account of corona infection.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



C.H.VENKATACHALAM
GENERAL SECRETARY

Cc:

- **Secretary, DFS, MoF, Delhi**
- **Chairman, IBA and MD/CEO of all Banks**