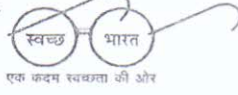


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D.O. No. 281/1/7/2017-TS

October 16, 2019

Dear Secretary,

As you are aware, the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is observed as "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" (National Unity Day) on 31<sup>st</sup> October, every year. This is an occasion to remember the multi-faceted contributions of Sardar Patel to nation building and to re-affirm the idea of a strong, united and resilient India.

2. The Union Home Minister has already written to all Union Ministers of the Government of India, for celebrating the occasion in a befitting manner (copy enclosed).

3. I would request you to issue appropriate instructions to all concerned to celebrate the "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" by undertaking suitable activities that may include administering a Pledge (copy enclosed), organizing a "Run for Unity" and holding a March Past by the uniformed forces or formations, wherever feasible on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019, as outlined in the letter of the Union Home Minister.

4. Special events to mark the celebrations of the National Unity Day-2019 include the following:

a. For the first time, the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Parade, with participation from police forces across the country, is being organized on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019 at the Statue of Unity, Kevadiya, Gujarat, which will be held every year thereafter.

b. A prestigious civilian award viz. Sardar Patel National Unity Award, in the field of national unity and integrity has been instituted by the Government of India. Nominations or recommendations for this award may be sent on the online portal [www.nationalunityaward.gov.in](http://www.nationalunityaward.gov.in), in the given format.

5. The events may also be given adequate publicity, so that the message of national unity and awareness about Sardar Patel's stellar contributions to the building of modern India is reinforced.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Rajiv Gauba)

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Dr. M. B. Gupta

Please issue  
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Ms. Upma Chawdhary  
Secretary,  
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New Delhi