

Notifications Issued by the Government of India in response to COVID-19

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राजीव गौबा
Rajiv Gauba



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मंत्रिमंडल सचिव
भारत सरकार
CABINET SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Dated : 22.03.2020

Dear Chief Secretary

As you are aware, Government of India in coordination with State Governments has taken several steps to manage and contain the spread of Coronavirus COVID-19. These steps have been taken based on the emerging global and domestic scenario, the pattern of spread of COVID-19 witnessed in various countries and expert advice given by eminent doctors and scientists. These include, inter alia, restrictions on international travel imposed in a graded manner, setting up testing labs through the length and breadth of the country, identifying isolation and quarantine facilities, screening and contact tracing, promoting social distancing and framing suitable guidelines in this regard etc.

2. You will appreciate that there is a need to take further pre-emptive actions to contain the spread of COVID-19 given that there has been a sharp increase in the number of confirmed cases. This was highlighted in the meeting with all Chief Secretaries and Secretaries of Government of India held today. The urgent need for effective and immediate interventions was discussed. It was noted that many State Governments have proactively taken various steps including imposition of stringent restrictions under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and regulations framed under it to curb non-essential movement, prevent gathering of people and promote social distancing.

3. As resolved in today's meeting, it is expected that the States would take all necessary pre-emptive actions to contain the spread of COVID-19 by using the available legal provisions, especially in those districts and regions where confirmed cases have been reported or where a large number of people are under surveillance due to risk of infection. Here, the focus should be on closure of all activities except essential services such as hospitals, telecom, medicine shops, provision stores, etc. Establishments/factories engaged in manufacturing and distribution of essential commodities like medicines, sanitizers, masks, etc. should be exempt from these restrictions. All efforts should be made to prevent unnecessary travel. Transport services may operate at mere skeletal level. Railway Board and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have already announced suspension of train services including sub-urban rails and metro services till March 31st 2020. Goods trains may continue to operate for facilitating availability of essential commodities.

4. The call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister for Janata Curfew on March 22nd has evoked spontaneous and widespread response. States may ensure that when the deadline for Janata Curfew ends at 9 PM today evening, there is no large scale movement or assembly of people. Suitable restrictions under Section 144 of Cr.PC may therefore be put in place. The momentum created by Janata Curfew needs to be built upon.

5. You may also request industries, establishments etc. to allow their employees to work from home and provide remuneration to them during this period. In respect of the poor and vulnerable sections, including casual labour, daily wage workers, etc, proactive measures may be taken to mitigate any hardships that may be caused.

6. You are also requested to assess the availability of medical services including quarantine and isolation facilities and scale them up to meet all possible contingencies. Efforts may be made to identify and designate hospitals only for COVID-19 management. Adequate testing facilities are being created and private laboratories have also been permitted to carry out necessary tests.

7. I appreciate your whole hearted support in tackling this unprecedented situation.

With regards

Yours sincerely

Rg
27/3/20
(Rajiv Gauba)

To,

As per list attached

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Revenue
Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs**

New Delhi the 23rd March 2020

PRESS RELEASE

Keeping in view the preventive measures taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the difficulties being faced by the GST taxpayers in meeting the compliance requirements under GST Law in view of the same, it has been decided to:

- (i) Extend the due date of filing the return in FORM GSTR-3B for the month of February 2020 for all registered persons to 07.04.2020
- (ii) Extend the due date of filing the Annual return in FORM GSTR-9 and reconciliation statement for the Financial Year 2018-19 for from 31.03.2020 to 30.06.2020
- (iii) Extend the due date for opting for Composition Scheme from 31.03.2020 to 07.04.2020

2. Necessary notifications/orders in this regard will follow.

General Circular No. 10/2020

No. 05/01/2019-CSR
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

5th floor, A Wing, Shastri Bhawan,
Dr. R. P. Road, New Delhi- 110001
23.03.2020

To,

All Stakeholders,

Subject: Clarification on spending of CSR funds for COVID-19.

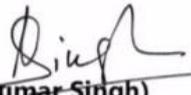
Ma'am/Sir,

Keeping in view of the spread of novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in India, its declaration as pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO), and, decision of Government of India to treat this as a notified disaster, it is hereby clarified that spending of CSR funds for COVID-19 is eligible CSR activity.

2. Funds may be spent for various activities related to COVID-19 under item nos. (i) and (xii) of Schedule VII relating to promotion of health care, including preventive health care and sanitation, and, disaster management. Further, as per General Circular No. 21/2014 dated 18.06.2014, items in Schedule VII are broad based and may be interpreted liberally for this purpose.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh)

Joint Secretary to Government of India

Tel: 011-23383345

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डॉ. गुरुप्रसाद महापात्र
DR. GURUPRASAD MOHAPATRA
सचिव
Secretary



D.O.No. 07/ DPIIT/2020 - Secy

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23rd March, 2020

Dear Chief Secretary,

In the wake of precautions being taken by various states for prevention of COVID 19 through lockdowns and various other precautionary measures, it is seen necessary to issue clear instructions from DPIIT to State Authorities to not obstruct and call for closure of food processing units, since they manufacture food stuff and to maintain uninterrupted supply for citizens of our country.

2. In this context, following instructions are issued for ensuring operational viability and to maintain uninterrupted supply of food products for citizens:

- (i) **Food Processing Companies:** For the consumer items to be readily available in the market, all food processing companies should be allowed to *keep their Manufacturing facilities open* under the strictest of safety and hygiene guidelines and any executive order or section 144 restrictions should include the exemption of these manufacturing facilities, distribution and sales channels servicing the food and beverage market, including food delivery services, as also employees associated with such activities.
- (ii) **All Retail/Grocery, Organised Trade including Cash & Carry and wholesale, Chemists/Pharmacies** that stock and sell Food products, Medicines, Water etc. should be allowed to remain open to avoid inconvenience to consumers as also to PREVENT "panic buying" which was clearly mentioned by the Hon'ble PM in his national address.
- (iii) **Allow the workers/ operators** at Retail outlets, Pharmacies, Manufacturing units to travel to their units in discharge of their national responsibilities.
- (iv) **Transport vehicles** carrying Raw material, Intermediates to and from the Food Processing Units to be given due permission and this to be explicitly included in the local Administration orders to avoid any confusion.
- (v) Clear advisory to ensure **inter-state movement of goods for the food processing industry** to ensure uninterrupted movement and supply of goods and services; Specifically for e-commerce, food processing, delivery boys, and movement of trucks.

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3. Your attention to this item of work will go a long way in maintaining requisite flow of essential goods, preventing panic purchase and ensuring we all keep safe in these challenging times.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Guruprasad Mohapatra)

To

The Chief Secretary [All states]
The Administrator [All UTs]
(as per list attached)

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 24th March, 2020

ORDER

Whereas, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), is satisfied that the country is threatened with the spread of COVID-19 epidemic, which has already been declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation, and has considered it necessary to take effective measures to prevent its spread across the country and that there is a need for consistency in the application and implementation of various measures across the country while ensuring maintenance of essential services and supplies, including health infrastructure;

Whereas in exercise of the powers under section 6(2)(i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), has issued an Order no. 1-29/2020-PP (Pt.II) dated 24.03.2020 (Copy enclosed) directing the Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities to take effective measures so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country;

Whereas under directions of the aforesaid Order of NDMA, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues guidelines, as per the Annexure, to Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities with the directions for their strict implementation. This Order shall remain in force, in all parts of the country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.


Home Secretary

To

1. **The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India**
2. **The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories**
(As per list attached)

Copy to:

- i. All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

Annexure to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No .40-3/2020-D dated ()24.03.2020

Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic in the Country.

1. Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations shall remain closed.

Exceptions:

Defence, central armed police forces, treasury, public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), disaster management, power generation and transmission units, post offices, National Informatics Centre, Early Warning Agencies

2. Offices of the State/ Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, and prisons.
- b. District administration and Treasury
- c. Electricity, water, sanitation
- d. Municipal bodies—Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply etc

The above offices (Sl. No 1 & 2) should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only.

3. Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted.

4. Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down.

Exceptions:

- a. Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder. However, district authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs.
- c. Print and electronic media
- d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.
- e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through E-commerce.

- f. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- h. Capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India
- i. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- j. Private security services

All other establishments may work-from-home only.

5. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Manufacturing units of essential commodities.
- b. Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the State Government

6. All transport services – air, rail, roadways – will remain suspended.

Exceptions:

- a. Transportation for essential goods only.
- b. Fire, law and order and emergency services.

7. Hospitality Services to remain suspended

Exceptions:

- a. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
- b. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.

8. All educational, training, research, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.

9. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.

10. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions / gatherings shall be barred.

11. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted.

12. All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020, and all such persons who have been directed by health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.

13. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organisations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19



virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Health Department from time to time.

14. In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
15. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.
16. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilisation of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
17. Any person violating these containment measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC (as per Appendix).
18. The above containment measures will remain in force, in all parts of the country, for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020.


24/3/2020
Union Home Secretary

1. Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

51. Punishment for obstruction, etc.—Whoever, without reasonable cause —

(a) obstructs any officer or employee of the Central Government or the State Government, or a person authorised by the National Authority or State Authority or District Authority in the discharge of his functions under this Act; or

(b) refuses to comply with any direction given by or on behalf of the Central Government or the State Government or the National Executive Committee or the State Executive Committee or the District Authority under this Act,

shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine, or with both, and if such obstruction or refusal to comply with directions results in loss of lives or imminent danger thereof, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years.

52. Punishment for false claim.—Whoever knowingly makes a claim which he knows or has reason to believe to be false for obtaining any relief, assistance, repair, reconstruction or other benefits consequent to disaster from any officer of the Central Government, the State Government, the National Authority, the State Authority or the District Authority, shall, on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

53. Punishment for misappropriation of money or materials, etc.—Whoever, being entrusted with any money or materials, or otherwise being, in custody of, or dominion over, any money or goods, meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation or disaster, misappropriates or appropriates for his own use or disposes of such money or materials or any part thereof or wilfully compels any other person so to do, shall on conviction be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, and also with fine.

54. Punishment for false warning.—Whoever makes or circulates a false alarm or warning as to disaster or its severity or magnitude, leading to panic, shall on conviction, be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine.

55. Offences by Departments of the Government.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by any Department of the Government, the head of the Department shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a Department of the Government and it is proved that the

offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of, any officer, other than the head of the Department, such officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

56. Failure of officer in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Act.—Any officer, on whom any duty has been imposed by or under this Act and who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of his official superior or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine.

57. Penalty for contravention of any order regarding requisitioning.—If any person contravenes any order made under section 65, he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with fine or with both.

58. Offence by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company or body corporate, every person who at the time the offence was committed, was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company, for the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the contravention and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly: Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment provided in this Act, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where an offence under this Act has been committed by a company, and it is proved that the offence was committed with the consent or connivance of or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall also, be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this section— (a) “company” means any body corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and (b) “director”, in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

59. Previous sanction for prosecution.—No prosecution for offences punishable under sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with the previous sanction of the Central Government or the State Government, as the case may be, or of any officer authorised in this behalf, by general or special order, by such Government.

60. Cognizance of offences.—No court shall take cognizance of an offence under this Act except on a complaint made by— (a) the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised in this behalf by that Authority or Government, as the case may be; or (b) any person who has given notice of not less than thirty days in the manner prescribed, of the alleged offence and his intention to make a complaint to

the National Authority, the State Authority, the Central Government, the State Government, the District Authority or any other authority or officer authorised as aforesaid.

2. Section 188 in The Indian Penal Code

188. Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or tends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration

An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.

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Usha Padhee, IAS



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भारत सरकार
JOINT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

D.O.No.: AV.13011/COVID/2020-DT

Dated: 24/03/2020

Dear Madam/Sir,

Sub: Allowing the movement of Airport and Airline staff and crew during the period of restriction.

As you are kindly aware, there have been restrictions on movement of people due to prevailing situation around **COVID-19**. However, few essential goods and services are kept outside the purview of these restrictions. In this regard, Airlines/Airports staff and crew are supposed to maintain specific minimum facilities/services and need to be travelling to their working locations. (MoCA) has received grievances from airports/airlines on the above matter. Some of the States have issued necessary directions to the enforcing officials to allow airlines/airport staff and crew, based on the Airport Entry Permit (AEP) issued by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Minimum number of functionaries of airports/airlines would also be moving during the suspension of domestic and international flight operations (ie till 31/3/20) as basic facilities at Airports and cargo/ emergency/permitted flight operations (including maintenance) have to continue.

I request you to please issue necessary directions to the enforcing authorities of your State to allow Airport/Airlines staff and crew members to maintain the required facilities during this period.

Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Usha Padhee
(Usha Padhee)

To,
Chief Secretaries of States/UTs.

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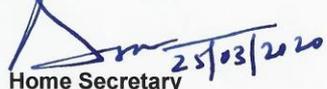
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No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 25th March, 2020

ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 24th March, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues an Addendum to guidelines, as Annexed to the said Order issued to Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities with the directions for their strict implementation.


Home Secretary

To

- 1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India**
- 2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories**
(As per list attached)

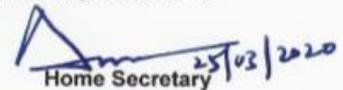
Copy to:

- i. All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii. Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs

Subject: Addendum to Guidelines annexed to the Ministry of Home Affairs
Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020

- A. Addition in exemption to Clause 1:**
- Term treasury includes, Pay & Accounts Offices, Financial Advisers and field offices of the Controller General of Accounts, **with bare minimum staff**.
 - Customs clearance at ports/airports/land border; GSTN; and MCA 21 Registry, **with bare minimum staff**.
 - Reserve Bank of India and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers, **with bare minimum staff**.
- B. Under sub clause (b) to clause 2, term treasury include, field offices of the Accountant General, with bare minimum staff.**
- C. Addition of sub clause (e), (f) & (g) in exceptions to clause 2:**
- e. Resident Commissioner of States, in New Delhi **with bare minimum staff**, for coordinating Covid-19 related activities and internal kitchens operations.
 - f. Forest offices: Staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, fire fighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.
 - g. Social Welfare Department, **with bare minimum staff**, for operations of Homes for children/ disables/ senior citizens/ destitute/ women/ widows; Observation homes; pensions.
- D. Clause 3 includes** veterinary hospitals; pharmacies (including Jan Aushadhi Kendra) and Pharmaceutical research labs.
- E. Sub-clause (b) to Clause 4** includes IT Vendor for banking operations; Banking Correspondent and ATM operation and cash management agencies.
- F. Sub-clause (a) to Clause 4** includes shops for seeds and pesticides.
- G. Addition of sub clause (h) to Clause 4:**
- h. Data and call Centre **for Government activities only**.
- H. Sub-clause (a) to clause 5 to read as:**
- a. Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw material & intermediates.
- I. Addition of sub clause (c) & (d) to Clause 5:**
- c. coal and mineral production, transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations.
 - d. Manufacturing units of packaging material for food items, drugs, pharmaceutical and medical devices.
- J. Addition of sub clause (c) & (d) to Clause Sub clause 6:**
- a. Operations of Railways, Airports and Seaports for cargo movement, relief and evacuation and their related operational organisations.
 - b. Inter-state movement of goods/cargo for inland and exports.
- K. Addition of sub clause (c) in exceptions to clause 6:**
- c. Cross land border movement of essential goods including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies.


Home Secretary 25/03/2020

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE (DPIIT)
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION

Udyog Bhawan
Dt. 25.3.2020

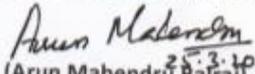
Subject: Setting up of a Control Room in DPIIT to monitor the issues of internal trade, manufacturing, delivery & logistics of essential commodities during the lockdown period.

The undersigned is directed to inform that it has been decided to monitor in real time the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, delivery of essential commodities to common man and the difficulties being faced by various stakeholders during the lockdown period from 25.3.2020 to 14.4.2020. In the event of any manufacturing, transporter, distributor, wholesaler or e-commerce companies facing ground level difficulties in transport and distribution of goods or mobilization of resources, the same may be informed to this Department at the following telephone number/ email:-

Telephone: + 91 11 23062487
Email : controlroom-dpiit@gov.in

The above telephone number will remain functional from **8 am to 6pm**. The issues reported by various stakeholders through this control Room shall be taken up with the concerned State Government, District and Police authorities and other concerned agencies.

2. The undersigned is directed to request the stakeholders, Industry Associations to report the issues affecting Industry and Trade, especially the ground level issues on this control room. Wherever feasible, an email may also be sent on the above email to enable us to quickly take up the matter with concerned agencies.


(Arun Mahendru Balra)
25.3.2020
Senior Development Officer

To

All Industry & Trade Associations.

Copy to: 1. Secretary, DPIIT
2. Secretary, Department of Commerce.
3. Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs
4. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs

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Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Pharmaceuticals
National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

26th March, 2020

Subject: Ensuring unobstructed movement of raw material, packing material, finished products and manpower related to manufacturing and distribution of drugs and medical devices-reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Orders of even No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020 and 25.03.2020 wherein Guidelines were issued to Ministry/ Departments of Government of India, State/ Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities, to take effective measures so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

2. The directions given in aforesaid Guidelines regarding pharmaceuticals industry is reproduced here as under:

"5. Industrial establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:

a. **Manufacturing Units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, their raw materials and intermediates.**

b. ----

c. ----

d. **Manufacturing units of packaging materials for food items, drugs, pharmaceuticals and medical devices**

6. All transport services –Air, Rail, Roadways-will remain suspended.

Exceptions:

a. Transportation of **essential goods** only.

b. ----

c. Cross land boarder of **essential goods** including petroleum products and LPG, food products, **medical supplies**"

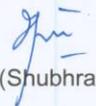
3. The seamless functioning of Pharma manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector is essential in dealing with the emergent situation. It is learnt that Pharma companies are facing problem in movement of stock and manpower which may hamper production and supply of medicines and medical devices thereby impacting their availability in the market. Representations received

from FICCI in this regard are enclosed with this letter for ready reference and intervention. Also, you are aware that NPPA is operating a Control Room with Helpline Number 1800111255. Complaints received on this number are also being referred to State Drug Controller for suitable intervention.

4. It is accordingly requested that suitable instructions may be passed to District Administrations/concerned authorities to facilitate the Pharma companies and ensure unobstructed movement of raw material, packing material and manpower required to accomplish work related to production, packing and distribution during the lockdown period.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Shubhra Singh)

The Chief Secretaries,
All State Governments & UT Governments as per list enclosed
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