

MOST URGENT

No. 1(2)/2020-SP-I
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 26 March, 2020

To

The Chief Secretaries/ Administrators
(All State Governments/ UT Administrations)

Subject:- Review of transport of essential commodities in order to contain Corona Virus/
Covid 19.

Madam/ Sir,


It has come to the notice that some sugar mills in the country are facing problems in getting adequate raw materials like lime, sulphur, phosphoric acid, PP/ HDPE bags and other packing materials, caustic soda also, HCL, Sulphuric Acid, HSD, Denaturants (for ethanol dispatches), etc. You would kindly appreciate that the above ingredients are raw materials for production of sugar/ ethanol.

2. It may kindly be mentioned that sugar is an essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and needs to be transported smoothly across the country. Further, molasses and other by-products of sugarcane are used to produce ethanol, which is an essential ingredient in production of hand sanitizer, medicines and petrol, etc. The Ministry of Home Affairs, has also issued an Addendum to the guidelines dated 25.3.2020 to its Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.3.2020 (copy enclosed). As per para-H(a) and para-K(c) of the guidelines, the manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw material & intermediates; and cross land border movement of essential goods including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies, are exempted during lockdown period.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that necessary orders may kindly be issued to ensure smooth intra as well as inter-state movement of vehicles, containing essential items like sugar and their raw material & intermediates.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above.



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Copy to:

1. Principal Secretaries of Cane/ Excise/ Industries Departments of States.
2. Indian Sugar Mills Association.
3. All India Distillers Association.
4. Association of Indian Medical Device Industry (Tel. 0129-4289000/4061151)

Copy for information to:

1. Secretary, D/o Food & Public Distribution
2. Secretary, D/o Consumer Affairs
3. Secretary, D/o Petroleum & Natural Gas
4. Secretary, D/o Pharmaceuticals
5. Addl. Secretary (Shri A. Giridhar), Cabinet Secretariat.
6. Prime Minister's Office (Shri Shrikar Pardeshi, JS)


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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) (I) 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 25/03/2020

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.