

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,

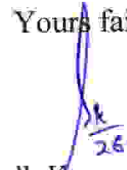
It has come to the notice that some sugar mills in the country are facing problems in getting adequate raw materials like lime, sulphur, phosphoric acid, PP/ HDPE bags and other packing materials, caustic soda also, HCL, Sulphuric Acid, HSD, Denaturants (for ethanol dispatches), etc. You would kindly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

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