

# No. 11/14/2020-Th-II Government of India Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi dated the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

To

- 1. All the State/UT Secretaries of Power,
- 2. All District Magistrates of all States,
- 3. All Police Commissioners/ Superintendent of Police of all States,
- 4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak - reg.

In continuation to this Ministry's letter number No. 11/14/2020-Th-II dated 15.04.2020 (copy enclosed) whereby all the stakeholders were requested to extend their support for uninterrupted operations of 'interstate power generating stations' and restriction free movement of critical materials like coal, chemicals, gases etc. and intermediate or finished products to or from power plants, during the extended lockdown period i.e. upto 03.05.2020 for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities as has been done earlier.

2. In the above context, the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 15.04.2020 containing the consolidated revised guidelines for containment of COVID-19 in the country, is enclosed for necessary action please.

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi) Director (Thermal)

### Copy to:-

- 1. CMD, NTPC Ltd.
- 2. Chairman, DVC
- 3. All IPPs and UMPPs
- 4. Chief Secretary (All States) with a request for similar action in respect of the State Generating Companies/Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.
- 5. Copy to NIC with a request to host on the website of Ministry of Power for information of all the concerned.



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Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak - reg.

- In continuation to this Ministry's letters of even number dated 25.03.2020 & 28.03.2020 (copy enclosed) whereby all the stakeholders were requested to extend their support for uninterrupted operations of 'interstate power generating stations' and restriction free movement of critical materials like coal, chemicals, gases etc. and intermediate or finished products to or from power plants.
- 2. Now, with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 14.04.2020 (copy enclosed) regarding extension of lock-down in all parts of the Country upto 03.05.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country, I am directed to request the stakeholders to continue their support during the extended lockdown period i.e. upto 03.05.2020 for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities as has been done earlier.

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# No. 11/13/2020 Th.II Ministry of Power Government of India

Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi-110001 Dated 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

To,

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- 4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak - reg.

In continuation to this Ministry's even number letter dated 25.03.2020 (copy enclosed) and with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 24.03.2020 regarding lock-down in all parts of the Country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country.

- 2. For generation of power, supply chain of coal needs to be maintained continuously. In addition to coal there are other critical inputs like Chemicals including Acids, Caustic Soda, Gases etc., LDO / HFO and other consumable items. Many of these inputs are required during the lockdown period as the existing stocks will not last till lifting of the declared lock down period.
- 3. In view of above, it is requested that no restrictions may be imposed on production & movement of critical materials like coal, chemicals, gases etc. and intermediate or finished products to or from such power plants.
- 4. The List of major Critical items including Chemicals & consumables for Power Plants which require inter-state / intra-state movement are mentioned as below. This list is not exhaustive and the items shall be certified by the respective power station authorities.

- a. LDO / HFO
- b. Bulk Chemicals Hydrochloric Acid, Sulphuric& Caustic Soda etc.
- c. Gases Hydrogen / Nitrogen / CO2 / Chlorine / Oxygen
- d. Water Treatment Chemicals like Ferric chloride, Corrosion inhibitors, Zinc Sulphate, Scale inhibitors, Phosphonate, Co-polymer, Terpolymer, Sodium Hypochlorite, Sodium chlorite, Bio-dispersants etc.
- e. Chemicals for Sanitizers like Iso-propyl alcohol, Hydrogen per-oxide, Glycerol etc.
- f. Any other items not covered above but being invoiced / transported to Power Plants for Operation and Maintenance.
- 5. The State Governments may also issue the similar instructions/ permission / facilitations in respect of State Generating Stations (State Gencos) and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi) **Director (Thermal)** 

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> Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi-110001 Dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

To,

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- 4. All CEOs of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of all States.

Subject: Essential operation of power generation utilities and permission for material movement needed by them during the nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak.

Reference is invited to Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM(I)(A) dated 24.03.2020 (copy enclosed) regarding lock-down in all parts of the Country for a period of 21 days with effect from 25.03.2020 to contain COVID-19 in the Country. As per the Guidelines enclosed with the above Order, all offices of Government of India, its Autonomous and Subordinate offices and Public Corporation shall remain closed except certain essential services including power generation and transmission units.

- 2. Power Generation is an essential service for securing smooth and uninterrupted power flow across and within states. In the current scenario of COVID-19 outbreak and nationwide lockdown announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister, there will be need to ensure uninterrupted power generation.
- 3. The power generations utilities under Ministry of Power, Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and Independent Power Plants (IPPs), hereafter



referred to as "interstate power generating stations", supply inter-state electricity to the grid. Hence, their operations are critical for maintaining power supply across the country.

- 4. In order to provide uninterrupted operations of "interstate power generating stations", the following support is requested from your office.
  - a. Permission for "interstate power generating stations" staff, associated workforce and vehicles to move around and movement of material and field engineers at sites, substations, ash pond, raw water intake points etc. with minimum manpower.
  - Allowing minimum staff, required to work for the power plant and offices for ensuring uninterrupted power generation.
  - c. Waiver from section 144, Nationwide Lockdown, Curfew, or any other limitation on number of people to gather in locations like ash pond, raw water intake, Power Generating Stations and other related locations where it may be required for operation and maintenance activities of generation and associated equipment.
  - d. Availability of DG Sets, Electrical Equipment, Maintenance equipment, Tractors/Trucks and other required Tools and Plants for maintenance activities. Diesel carrying vehicle for pouring diesel in DG sets.
  - e. Allow round the clock permission to mobilize field staff to be able to reach and access electrical installations of "interstate power generating stations".
- 5. Considering the importance of continuity of power supply, it is requested that above mentioned permissions may be granted to "interstate power generating stations" officers and staff and their vendors all over India for smooth operation and maintenance of power generation facilities.
- 6. It is also requested to issue the necessary permission / passes as required for movement of employees and associated workforce on production of official ID Cards / authorization letter from "interstate power generating stations" officials.



7. The State Governments may also issue the similar instructions/permission /passes/ facilitations in respect of State Generating Stations (State Gencos) and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) which supply power within their respective States.

(Sanjeev Kumar Kassi)

Director (Thermal)

Copy to following with instructions to ensure the necessary preventive measures/ equipment/ amenities for safeguard from infection of Corona Virus to their employees and workforce deployed for operation and maintenance works.

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