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

**Consolidated Revised Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/ UT Governments and State/ UT authorities for containment of COVID-19 in the country**

**[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020]**

**1. With the extension of the lockdown period, the following activities will continue to remain prohibited across the country until 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2020:**

- i. All domestic and international air travel of passengers, except for purposes enumerated in para 4 (ix), and for security purposes.
- ii. All passenger movement by trains, except for security purposes.
- iii. Buses for public transport.
- iv. Metro rail services.
- v. Inter-district and inter-State movement of individuals except for medical reasons or for activities permitted under these guidelines.
- vi. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
- vii. All industrial and commercial activities other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.
- viii. Hospitality services other than those specifically permitted under these guidelines.
- ix. Taxis (including auto rickshaws and cycle rickshaws) and services of cab aggregators.
- x. All cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes, gymnasiums, sports complexes, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars and auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places.
- xi. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions/ other gatherings.
- xii. All religious places/ places of worship shall be closed for public. Religious congregations are strictly prohibited.
- xiii. In case of funerals, congregation of more than twenty persons will not be permitted.

**2. Operation of guidelines in Hotspots and containment zones**

- i. 'Hotspots', i.e., areas of large COVID-19 outbreaks, or clusters with significant spread of COVID-19, will be determined as per the guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India (GoI).
- ii. In these hotspots, containment zones will be demarcated by States/ UTs/ District administrations as per the guidelines of MoHFW.
- iii. In these containment zones, the activities allowed under these guidelines will not be permitted. There shall be strict perimeter control in the area of the containment zones to ensure that there is no unchecked inward/ outward movement of population from these zones except for maintaining essential services (including medical emergencies and law and order related duties) and Government business continuity. The guidelines issued in this regard by MoHFW will be strictly implemented by State/ UT Governments and the local district authorities.



**3. Select permitted activities allowed with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020:**

- i. To mitigate hardship to the public, select additional activities have been allowed which will come into effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. These limited exemptions will be operationalized by States/ UTs/ district administrations based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines. Also, before allowing these select additional activities, States/ UTs/ district administrations shall ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for social distancing in offices, workplaces, factories and establishments, as also other sectoral requirements are in place.
- ii. The consolidated revised guidelines incorporating these select permitted activities have been enumerated in paras 5-20 below.

**4. Strict enforcement of the lockdown guidelines**

- i. State/ UT Governments shall not dilute these guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in any manner, and shall strictly enforce the same.
- ii. State/ UT Governments, may, however, impose stricter measures than these guidelines as per requirement of the local areas.

**5. All health services (including AYUSH) to remain functional, such as:**

- i. Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, telemedicine facilities.
- ii. Dispensaries, chemists, pharmacies, all kinds of medicine shops including *Jan Aushadhi Kendras* and medical equipment shops.
- iii. Medical laboratories and collection centres.
- iv. Pharmaceutical and medical research labs, institutions carrying out COVID-19 related research.
- v. Veterinary Hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, pathology labs, sale and supply of vaccine and medicine.
- vi. Authorised private establishments, which support the provisioning of essential services, or efforts for containment of COVID-19, including home care providers, diagnostics, supply chain firms serving hospitals.
- vii. Manufacturing units of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, medical oxygen, their packaging material, raw material and intermediates.
- viii. Construction of medical/ health infrastructure including manufacture of ambulances.
- ix. Movement (inter and intra State, including by air) of all medical and veterinary personnel, scientists, nurses, para-medical staff, lab technicians, mid-wives and other hospital support services, including ambulances.

**6. Agricultural and related activities:**

**A. All agricultural and horticultural activities to remain fully functional, such as:**

- i. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field.
- ii. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
- iii. '*Mandis*' operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) or as notified by the State/ UT Government (e.g., satellite *mandis*). Direct marketing operations by the State/ UT Government or by industry, directly



from farmers/ group of farmers, FPOs' co-operatives etc. States/ UTs may promote decentralized marketing and procurement at village level.

- iv. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
  - v. 'Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)' related to farm machinery.
  - vi. Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.
  - vii. Movement (inter and intra State) of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/ horticulture implements.
- B. Fisheries - the following activities will be functional:**
- i. Operations of the fishing (**marine and inland**)/ aquaculture industry, including feeding & maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing.
  - ii. Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
  - iii. Movement of fish/ shrimp and fish products, fish seed/ feed and workers for all these activities.
- C. Plantations- the following activities will be functional:**
- i. Operations of tea, coffee and rubber plantations, with maximum of 50% workers.
  - ii. Processing, packaging, sale and marketing of tea, coffee, rubber and cashew, with maximum of 50% workers.
- D. Animal husbandry – the following activities will be functional:**
- i. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.
  - ii. Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries and livestock farming activity.
  - iii. Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw material, such as maize and soya.
  - iv. Operation of animal shelter homes, including *Gaushalas*.
- 7. Financial sector: following to remain functional:**
- i. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers.
  - ii. Bank branches and ATMs, IT vendors for banking operations, Banking Correspondents (BCs), ATM operation and cash management agencies.
    - a. Bank branches be allowed to work as per normal working hours till disbursal of DBT cash transfers is complete.
    - b. Local administration to provide adequate security personnel at bank branches and BCs to maintain social distancing, law and order and staggering of account holders.
  - iii. SEBI, and capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
  - iv. IRDAI and Insurance companies.



**8. Social sector: following to remain functional:**

- i. Operation of homes for children/ disabled/ mentally challenged/ senior citizens/ destitutes/ women/ widows.
- ii. Observation homes, after care homes and places of safety for juveniles.
- iii. Disbursement of social security pensions, e.g., old age/ widow/ freedom fighter pensions; pension and provident fund services provided by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
- iv. Operation of *Anganwadis* – distribution of food items and nutrition once in 15 days at the doorsteps of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers. Beneficiaries will not attend the *Anganwadis*.

**9. Online teaching/ distance learning to be encouraged:**

- i. All educational, training, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
- ii. However, these establishments are expected to maintain the academic schedule through online teaching.
- iii. Maximum use of Doordarshan (DD) and other educational channels may be made for teaching purposes.

**10. MNREGA works to be allowed:**

- i. MNREGA works are allowed with strict implementation of social distancing and face mask.
- ii. Priority to be given under MNREGA to irrigation and water conservation works.
- iii. Other Central and State sector schemes in irrigation and water conservation sectors may also be allowed to be implemented and suitably dovetailed with MNREGA works.

**11. Public utilities: following to remain functional:**

- i. Operations of Oil and Gas sector, including refining, transportation, distribution, storage and retail of products, e.g., petrol, diesel, kerosene, CNG, LPG, PNG etc.
- ii. Generation, transmission and distribution of power at Central and State/ UT levels.
- iii. Postal services, including post offices.
- iv. Operations of utilities in water, sanitation and waste management sectors, at municipal/ local body levels in States and UTs.
- v. Operation of utilities providing telecommunications and internet services.

**12. Movement, loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo (inter and intra State) is allowed, as under:**

- i. All goods traffic will be allowed to ply.
- ii. Operations of Railways: Transportation of goods and parcel trains.
- iii. Operations of Airports and related facilities for air transport for cargo movement, relief and evacuation.
- iv. Operations of Seaports and Inland Container Depots (ICDs) for cargo transport, including authorized custom clearing and forwarding agents.

