

MOST URGENT/COVID-19 MATTER



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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

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PRESS NOTE

WHEREAS in exercise of the powers under Section 6(2) (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the National Disaster Management Authority has decided to direct Ministries/Departments of Government of India, States Authorities to take measures for ensuring social distancing so as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Further, National executive committee has issued guidelines under Section 10 (2) (i) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

ANDWHEREAS, this Department is receipt of complaints that Retail Stores and Suppliers have purposely kept their business is closed to create hoarding and further consequent price rise.

ANDWHEREAS, Special team of Inspector of Civil Supplies, Commercial tax and Legal Metrology is formed to physically open and verify the stock from the Godowns of suppliers / wholesalers.

ANDWHEREAS, the Team is specifically authorized to take action against any hoarding under The Prevention of Black marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 and other relevant Acts.

NOW THEREFORE, it is enjoined upon all the Retail Stores and Stockiest and Wholesalers to keep their business premises open failing which stringent action will be initiated as per prevailing laws.

(Siddhivinayak S. Naik)

Director

Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs &  
Ex-Officio Joint Secretary

To,

The Director  
Information and Publicity,

Udyog Bhavan ..... With a request to publish the Press Note in all the local