

Minutes of Meeting of the State Executive Committee held in the Conference Hall of Chief Secretary, on 26th March 2020

State Executive Committee (SEC) has been constituted u/s 20 of Disaster Management Act, 2005 by notification 19-5-2005/RD(Part file) dated 23/01/2008. The SEC meeting was called to discuss the COVID19 related response mechanism in view of the National Disaster Management Authority having invoked its power u/s 6(2)(i) of DM Act, 2005 to issue directions of the State Governments and State authorities for compliance.

As per Section 22 of the DM Act, 2005, SEC is the statutory body with power to coordinate and monitor disaster management in the State and can issue necessary directions.

All the members of the SEC attended the emergency meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (also Principal Secretary, PWD), Goa :

1. Shri Puneet Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology
2. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary Revenue, Member Secretary, SEC & SDMA
3. Shri SK Bhandari, Secretary, Transport

The following officers attended the meeting as special invitee:

1. Shri Subhash Chandra, PCCF
2. Shri Jaspal Singh, IGP
3. Ms. Nila Mohanan, Secretary, Health
4. Shri. J. Ashok, Secretary, Tourism
5. Shri C.R. Garg, Secretary, Law
6. Ms. Isha Khosla, Secretary, GAD.
7. Ms. R. Menaka, Collector, North.
8. Shri Kuldeep Gangar, Secretary, Animal Husbandry

Chief Secretary/Chairperson SEC discussed the instructions received in the preceding video conferencing with the Cabinet Secretary. Many States complained about the closure of Pharma industries in Goa. Concerns were also raised related to maintenance of essential supplies especially groceries due to closure of groceries and other essential food item shops. Also the committee deliberated on the current feedback of the ground situation. The following decision points emerged after deliberation.

1. The Committee unanimously agreed that State is duty bound to follow the directions issued by the Chairperson, National Executive Committee as conveyed vide the Ministry of Home Affairs, Gol order No 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)d dated 24/03/2020 alongwith the addendum issued on 25/03/2020 and ibid SOP issued on 26/03/2020.
2. As suggested by the Cabinet Secretary, all trucks in transit should be permitted to reach their destination to eliminate the problem of trucks stranded on the borders.. Thereafter, movement should be permitted only for trucks carrying essential goods, such as groceries, food items, medicines, pharmaceutical goods, LPG, seeds and

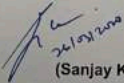
fertilisers, chemicals for water and sewerage treatment and others, including the activities permitted in the above cited MHA order.

3. As other States are dependent on Goa for the supply of medicines and other Pharmaceutical products, the Committee decided that all Pharmaceutical industrial units along with its entire supply chain shall be allowed to function.
4. Manufacturing units and their entire supply chain related to essential commodities including Food products shall be permitted.
5. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets will be allowed to function. However, they shall be governed by the order issued by the Director, Civil Supply, Government of Goa vide Order No. DCS/ENF/ECA/Mask/Sanitizers/2020/316 dated 26/03/2020.
6. The Committee also decided that all essential services such as groceries, milk, vegetable/fruits shops shall be kept open. To reduce the people's movement, no vehicle would be permitted for procurement of groceries, milk, vegetables/fruits; people can walk to procure these essential items from their nearby shops.
7. Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sectors, such as dispensaries, chemist and medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, nursing homes, ambulances etc will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, and other hospital support services be permitted.
8. Any decision on movement of foreigners out of Goa shall be done only on the instructions issued by MEA. Thereafter, the State government shall provide full cooperation.
9. No Mall would be permitted to function. However, they could be permitted home-delivery.
10. Municipal/Panchayat Markets could be permitted if social distancing is ensured. DMA/Director Panchayat to monitor and recommend the functioning of such markets thereafter.
11. Wet markets for sale of fish and other seafood products, meat, etc. will not be permitted.
12. No bakery will be permitted to function. However, home delivery by 'poder' will be permitted.
13. As per the above cited SOP issued by the MHA, delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment through eCommerce will remain operational. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through e-Commerce are allowed

subject to ensuring strict social distancing. The Collectors are instructed to follow the SOP issued by the MHA in this regard.

14. The Print and Electronic media shall be permitted.
15. The Committee authorised Shri Puneet Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology to decide and settle any emergent issue related to provisioning of Food for labourers, stranded tourists and needy. He will collect details of members of civil society/NGOs or any individual or organisation who are ready to provide food for the needy. After assessing the demand, he will workout the mechanism to match with the supply.
16. For coordination with the districts and for overseeing the implementation of the MHA guidelines, Home quarantine, border controls in the North district, Shri Kunal, IAS and Shri Keshav Kumar, IFS and for South district, Shri Santosh Kumar, IFS and Shri CR Garg, IAS are appointed as observers.
17. Hotels can prepare the food only for the in house guests.
18. All Institutional in-house canteens/cafes are permitted for their internal use.
19. Home delivery of food items is permitted.
20. The Committee also reiterated the role of the Incident Commanders. They shall ensure the implementation of the MHA order, strict implementation of the home quarantine and border control within their respective jurisdictions.
21. The Committee authorised Shri Shri Puneet Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology and Ms. Nila Mohanan, Secretary, Health to requisition vehicle and manpower, as required. Ms. Isha Khosla, Secretary, GAD may requisition manpower and vehicles from the other departments, for field duties or for any other emergent needs.
22. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary Revenue, Member Secretary, SDMA shall ensure proper functioning of the State and district Control Rooms and share contact details of the key officials.

Committee was informed that as per MHA orders, any person violating these containment measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action u/s 188 of the IPC.


26/07/2020
(Sanjay Kumar)
Secretary, Revenue
Member Secretary, SEC & SDMA