

Minutes of Meeting of the State Executive Committee held in the Forest Bhavan, on 30th March 2020

On 30/03/2020, a meeting of State Executive Committee (SEC) was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (also Principal Secretary, PWD), Goa and the following members attended :

1. Shri SK Bhandari, Secretary, Transport
2. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary Revenue, Member Secretary, SEC & SDMA

The following officers also attended the meeting as special invitee:

1. Shri Subhash Chandra, PCCF
2. Shri Jaspal Singh, IGP
3. Shri Kunal, CEO
4. Ms. Nila Mohanan, Secretary, Health
5. Shri Shri PS Reddy, Secretary (Fisheries)
6. Shri. J. Ashok, Secretary, Tourism
7. Shri Parmaditya, DIG
8. Shri C.R. Garg, Secretary, Law
9. Ms. Isha Khosla, Secretary, Civil Supply.
10. Ms. Ankita Anand, Director, IT

All attendees were apprised of the latest standing instructions related to Orders issued by the Chairman, National Executive Committee (NEC) vide the Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI order No 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24/03/2020, two addendum dated 25/03/2020, 27/03/2020, SOP dated 26/03/2020, and order and clarification dated 29/03/2020 of ibid reference have also been issued.

After deliberation on the current ground situation, the following decision points emerged after deliberation.

1. The supply of essential goods needs to be supported. To enable the same, SEC has decided to delegate some more powers to issue Travel Passes, in addition of existing powers of the Collectors/DMs:
 - a. On 29/03/2020, the State Executive Committee (SEC) has noted that the Pharmaceuticals/Medical manufactures and suppliers and its ancillary industries forms part of most essential services. Earlier, the Collectors have authorised the Companies Representatives to issue passes in limited numbers to their employees. However, this has not completely eased the restrictions. In the coordination meeting chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, an issue related to restrictions on Pharma industries was raised. Therefore, the SEC has decided to remove any cap on the number of Travel Passes that can be issued by all Pharma industries to its workers and personnel involved in the manufacturing and ancillary units.

- b. Chemists & Druggists Association, Goa has also expressed its difficulty in moving the personnel engaged in the sale or supply of medicines. SEC authorised Director, FDA to issue any Travel Pass or Authority for smooth operation of all medical shops and supply chains.
 - c. SEC noted that Kitchen of restaurants have now been allowed to operate, only for Home Delivery/Take-away of Food. To further facilitate its functioning, SEC authorised Director, FDA to issue Travel Pass or Authority for the restaurant employees.
 - d. Licenses Customs Broker Association also needed facilitation as Custom services are in exempted categories. They have three categories of Passes - H, F, and G. These passes are issued by the Custom Authorities. SEC decided to allow two pass holders in each category to operate per Broker, as per their own request. There are around 20 Brokers operating currently. The Broker Association shall ensure that this limit is not flouted. They shall also send the list of permitted personnel to Collectors and SPs for cross verification in the field.
 - e. MD, GSIDC, Chief Engineer (Electricals), CE(WRD), PCE (PWD) or their representatives are authorised to issue passes for the staff/labourers of the contractors involved in execution of works related to Health infrastructure and other essential services and facilities.
 - f. Director, Civil Supply and its inspectors have also been authorised to issue authority letters to wholesalers/distributors etc. and their staff. Authorisation given by inspectors may be treated as an authorised ID proof for their movement to their godowns/shops. They shall carry their photo ID along with the authority letter of Inspectors.
 - g. For Lifeguard service for beach, the Director Tourism is authorised to issue permits for them.
 - h. Many establishments have raised difficulty for the payment of salary on due date if their relevant officials are not allowed to go to office. To overcome this difficulty, the Labour Commissioner has been authorised to countersign the list of employees, which will be sent by the companies for this purpose. The Companies shall email the name of the personnels on their letterhead to the Labour Commissioner (**com-labo.goa@nic.in**). He shall take printout and countersign the letter and send it back by email or WhatsApp. This countersigned letter shall be considered as a valid Travel Pass. This measure shall be only valid for the next five days.
 - i. Many NGOs and Volunteers are making efforts to provide community based relief measures to the needy. However, they need Travel Passes to transit. Secretary, IT or his representative is authorised to issue necessary Passes to facilitate such volunteering and charitable work.
2. It was decided in earlier meetings of the SEC to convert ESI hospital to COVID-19 Hospital. The Health Secretary informed that the same is now functional from 29/03/2020.

3. Secretary, Cooperatives and RCS shall ensure continuation of collection of prevailing price of essential commodities in the market, to ensure timely action to curb the undue profiteering.
4. The Health Secretary wanted early operationalisation of the newly constructed South Goa Hospital. SEC directed MD, GSIDC to finish the work in minimal possible time by augmenting its resources. After operationalisation, the Health department can start OPD or any other services at this additional hospital to support the existing infrastructure.
5. Collectors shall also take immediate steps to reimburse the bills of the SHGs providing food through the Education department, to ensure flow of liquidity, to continue their operations.
6. SEC also constituted two groups to further facilitate the home delivery of groceries.
 - a. The first group, consisting of Shri Jaspal Singh, IGP, Director (IT), Secretary (Civil Supply). This group shall work out the requirements for the smooth supply of essential items from wholesalers to retailers, or distributors to wholesalers and retailers. All hindrance in this supply chain should be removed and facilitated through IT infrastructure. This group shall interact with Home-delivery food providers such as Zomato, Swiggy, etc. for a workable solution.
 - b. The second group, consisting of Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (Revenue/IT), Tariq Thomas, DMA, Director (IT) and CEO (GEL) shall work to put in place a mechanism to ensure smooth flow of items from retailers to the public through the use of technology.
7. SEC also directed that Secretary, Civil Supply shall ensure proper assessment is done for the availability of essential commodities. She would check the status and stock of the wholesalers or suppliers or retailers. If there is any complaint of hoarding or blackmarketing, action should be taken promptly under Prevention of Black Marketing Act. In case of default by any of these undertakings, of not starting their operation by 31/03/2020, latest by 4 pm, these established be informed that action will be initiated to cancel their trade licenses, and initiation of any other actions as per law.
8. Secretary, Weights and Measures along with Secretary, Civil Supply shall also look into the complaints of overpricing and take appropriate action as per law.
9. SEC also deliberated on the relief supply to the needy. As of now 14 labour camps are running. However, a lot of abandoned labourers, especially constructions and daily wagers, have started demanding food. The relief supply (cooked food/food packets) is gradually increasing, from around 1150 on 27th, to 5700 on 28th, 10,400 on 29th to 15,300 today. However, due to disruption in the food supply chain, the number of people demanding food is shooting up too fast. Both the Food Helplines (9423890077, 9423890066) are flooded with the demand for the Food. Even after

roping in civil society and charitable organisations, the government has to step up the relief efforts. Directly or through PRC, many state governments are sending messages on the shortage of food supply for workers from their State. Therefore, SEC decided that the Food supply to all needy shall be ensured. NEC directions are also very clear in this regard and any lapse shall not be tolerated. The districts and other relevant authorities shall tap the SDRF, Construction Workers Welfare Fund, DMF or other available source of funding to meet the demand.

10. Sanitation and Municipal services are also in the exempted categories. In Goa, April is the time when the work of desilting begins to prevent flooding during Monsoon. To allow such activities, the SEC decided to authorise Panchayat Secretaries and the concerned Municipal Chief Officer/Commissioner to issue passes to daily wage labourers to carry out desilting and other pre-monsoon works.
11. The Committee also reiterated to allow personnel and vehicles permitted to travel with due identity proof as per Annexure A.

Committee also conveys to all concerned that as per MHA orders, any person violating these containment measures or not complying with the above directions 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.

Annexure A

PERSONS AND VEHICLES TO BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL.

1. All State and Central Government employees on duty, with Government ID Cards.
2. All Temporary workers of Government Department, Municipality, Sanitary workers with travel permit of Department. This permit is valid with Photo ID proof such as Adhar, PAN , Driving License ,Passport.
3. All Bank employees, ATM staff with ID Cards.
4. All Doctor's /Hospital staff/Health care and supplies staff/Pharmacy staff with ID Cards.
5. Pharmaceuticals Company staff with their ID Cards.
6. All Accredited Press/Media persons with their Cards.
7. All Staff of Gas Cylinder agencies or Gas delivery systems.
8. Any person attending a funeral.
9. Petrol pump staff.
10. Zomato/Swiggy delivery boys and bread men.
11. Airport/Railway station staff, All India Radio ,Doordarshan staff and Cable services staff.
12. Security staff of all establishments and other Goa Human Resources Development Staff (with uniform and ID card).
13. Grocery/Vegetables shops owners, salesmen and their labourer.
14. Volunteers engaged for home delivery of medicines, grocery items etc, within their ward (with volunteer pass issued by PI/Dy. Collector).
15. All Government vehicles with G registration and private vehicles "On Govt. Duty"and vehicles of Govt. employees on duty.
16. Vehicles carrying patients or going for medical aid or carrying Corona related medical equipment s.
17. Vehicles carrying rations, milk, vegetables, fruits, grocery items and other essential goods and services.
18. Water tankers, petrol/diesel tankers, Air carrying vehicles.
19. Cattle feed vehicles, raw materials vehicles of Zuari and pharmaceutical Companies.
20. Staff/labourers of the contractors based on the Passes issued by MD, GSIDC, Chief Engineer (Electricals), CE(WRD), PCE (PWD) or their representatives.
21. Lifeguards based on the Passes issued by Director, Tourism

22. All workers authorised by Panchayat Secretaries, and CEO/Commissioner, Municipalities to carry out pre-monsoon works.
23. Members of Licenses Customs Broker Association carrying H, F, and G category passes.
24. Wholesalers/distributors etc. and their staff with the Passes issued by Director, Civil Supply or his representatives.
25. Passes issued by the Director, FDA for people engaged in sale or supply of drugs/medicines.
26. Passes issued by the Director, FDA for people engaged in preparation and supply of food at restaurants for Home-delivery/Take-Homes .
27. Office Staff of Companies/Establishment based on the Countersignature of the Labour Commissioner.
28. Members of NGOs or Volunteers based on the Passes issued by Secretary IT or his representatives.
29. All Goods vehicles/carriages.
30. Any other vehicles displaying travel permits issued by Collector.