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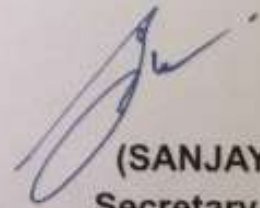
To,

1. Secretary, Civil Supply
2. Collector/Chairperson (DDMA), North-Goa.
3. Collector/Chairperson (DDMA, South-Goa.
4. Director, Education,
5. MD, KTC

**Sub: Minutes of the Meeting for Food Supply and Logistics : reg.**

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**(SANJAY KUMAR)**  
Secretary, Revenue  
Member Secretary, SEC & SDMA

**Encl.:** As above.

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1. Secretary to Hon'ble Governor, Goa
2. Secretary to Hon'ble CM, Goa
3. JS to Chief Secretary, Goa

## **Minutes of Meeting Chaired by Shri Puneet Goel for Managing the Food Supply in the State of Goa, on 27th March 2020**

On 26/03/2020, State Executive Committee (SEC) in its meeting 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. It was also instructed that he would 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 work out the mechanism to match with the supply.

On 27/03/2020, a meeting was called to discuss the food supply amongst labourers, stranded tourists and needy. The meeting was chaired by Shri Puneel Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology and attended by the following:

1. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Revenue
2. Ms. Isha Khosla, Secretary, Civil Supply
3. Shri Kuldeep Gangar, Secretary, Animal Husbandry
4. Ms. Vandana, Director, Education
5. Shri Siddhivinayak Naik, Director, Civil Supply
6. Shri Shashank Mani Tripathi, Additional Collector, North-Goa

In the beginning of the meeting, Ms. Isha Khosla, Secretary, Civil Supply explained that currently the state has around nine days of the food grains and supply will pick up. However, the supplyline of pulses needs to be augmented. She has already held detailed meetings with wholesalers and suppliers. She assured that supply of foodgrains and pulses would pick up, however, if people start hoarding, the civil supply department may move to place limits on individuals.

Shri Shashank Mani Tripathy, Additional Collector, North-Goa explained that they are receiving huge demand from the labourers, stranded tourists, elderly & disabled, and other needy who may require the food. Till now, the demand is huge, however, the supply is limited. A few NGOs and organisations are helping the people, the district in coordinating the food supply to the needy.

Shri Shashank also briefed that the Food Helpline started today but too many calls have been received. However, they could not find sufficient food supply from charitable organisations. Approximately, the District North is supplying around 1000 packets to GMC labour camp, another stranded labour group from Rajasthan in Bardez, Corlim, Tonca and other places. The prominent charitable organisations who are helping the district administration are Gurudwara (Betim), NGOs like Street Providence and Aashtha.

However, the demand is now beyond the current supply strength of such organisations. Therefore, the government should intervene to support the most needy group such as labourers. In the meeting itself, a call was also made to Collector, South. After talking to different participants and stakeholders, it was assessed that a demand for food supply to approximately 1,500 people per district exists.

Director, Education has briefed that the Self Help Groups which prepare food for Mid-Day-Meal can be roped in to meet the shortfall.

The following decision points emerged:

1. The demand is expected to be flexible. Charitable organisations may not continue for long. The State needs to start the disaster management action. Therefore, both the Collectors/PCCF/Shashank, Additional Collector, North shall assess the demand and demand's distribution. Also, both the districts shall convey the number of camps already set up and number of persons those who are not housed in relief camps, and who need gratuitous relief.
2. As the SEC has already decided to open the grocery shops, the people who can afford can get the supply, except physically infirm. Also, the home delivery option is being promoted. Hence, the districts should focus on the groups who can not afford food at this stage as their livelihood is seriously affected.
3. The Collectors/PCCF/Shashank, Additional Collector, North shall assess the dynamic demand of the people, and their spatial distribution, in need of food. And regularly convey this demand to the Director, Education. This is to prevent excess or shortage of the food.
4. To maintain the economy of the expenditure, it was decided to use Self Help Groups who provide Mid-Day-Meal. This would ensure the distributed supply at least expense.
5. The Director, Education will immediately raise a tentative demand of foodgrains to Director, Civil Supply, so that he can block the supply for the relief measures.
6. The Director, Education would assess the demand of foodgrains, fuel and transportation expenses based on the number of beneficiaries informed by both the Collectors. The Director, Education shall then coordinate the pick-up schedule of Self Help Group with the Director, Civil Supply.
7. To facilitate the process, the Director, Civil Supply shall issue the foodgrains to the Self-Help Groups on the authorisation of Director, Education, on credit. Thereafter, the Director, Civil Supply shall raise the bill, alongwith the order of the Director, Education to the Collectors, who shall reimburse the money on priority.
8. Director, Education can coordinate the supply of pulses, preferably, from Goa Cooperative Societies, on credit. Or any other on the similar lines. For any other incidental and cooking expenditure, Director, Education shall raise the bills to the Collectors, who would release the money on priority.
9. To overcome the crowding near any food supply point, it was decided to have very dispersed food supply points by having a mobile arrangement to distribute food. So

that the food can be easily and timely sent to smaller gatherings and individuals rather than arranging large food joints.

10. The Collectors/PCCF/Shashank, Additional Collector, North shall arrange for pick-up and distribution of cooked food to the needy. They shall hire the KTC buses. MD, KTC shall provide the buses immediately.
11. The Collectors/PCCF/Shashank, Additional Collector, North shall be permitted to incur incidental expenses in the supply and distribution of food to the needy.
12. The Collectors/PCCF/Shashank, Additional Collector, North shall ensure that the overall expenditure is within the SDRF norms.
13. Secretary, Revenue shall take all measures to release sufficient funds to the districts to meet urgent demand.
14. In the meeting, it was also desired that supply of packaged dry ration should be explored.
15. It was also suggested that all Goa Caterers Association may have the capacity to supply the prepared food across Goa. Therefore, this option should be explored.
16. Also efforts should be made to tie up the free food supply through the Hoteliers such as Taj, coastal group of hotels etc.