The State Executive Committee (SEC) meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (also Principal Secretary, PWD) Shri Parimal Rai, at the Forest Bhavan, on yesterday other members of the SEC attended the meeting were Shri Puneet Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology, Shri S.K. Bhandari, Secretary, Transport, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary Revenue, Member Secretary, SEC& SDMA.

The State Executive Committee (SEC) appreciated the fact that the 348 tests done today is the highest number of tests done in Goa so far, for any day. The SEC noted with caution that Goa had not yet faced any community transmission.

Secretary, Health informed that the labs have started releasing the test results in two shifts, to fast track the process and enable timely discharge of the tested persons from the quarantine centres.

The SEC discussed the issue of return of migrants and emphasized that the focus should be on the movement of distressed people, as emphasized by the MHA in its guidelines/instructions issued on 3rd May 2020. The Nodal officer was asked to plan accordingly.

Commissioner (Excise) informed that the liquor shops/wholesalers/manufacturers have resumed operations today. It was noticed that most of the units followed the social distancing norms and other safety measures. Boards were displayed in these units mentioning - "no masks - no liquor".

Secretary, Civil Supply informed that the department has initiated action against some FPS owners who have not yet lifted the stock. The department has also discontinued the use of KTCL buses as supply chain is now normal.

Shri CR Garg, District Observer informed that the prices of pulses have come down due to the distribution of subsidised pulses from FPS shops.

Secretary, Law informed that the Registration has picked up and the department has registered 34 documents and 24 marriages during the day. The SEC advised the department to keep the process staggered to ensure the social distancing and other safety norms regularly.

Secretary, Port informed that MPT may receive two vessels in mid-May that may involve Sign on/Sign Off. The SEC asked him to follow the laid down protocols and SOPs.

Secretary, Finance informed that the disbursement of the second installment of Rs. 500 for Jan Dhan Account holders has begun. The SEC advised that the banks be directed to follow the staggered timings and social distancing norms as was done earlier.
Secretary, Agriculture informed that the agricultural activities are normal. With 12 harvesters working in the fields, 87% harvesting is complete.

Collector, South-Goa sought clarification on the functioning of the kitchen of the restaurants and the resultant movement of home-delivery vehicles after 7 pm. The SEC clarified that food/groceries delivery is an essential activity and hence permitted.

MD KTCL informed that KTCL ran 42 special relief buses today. The SEC advised that the bus services for the night shift for the staff engaged in health services/government duties should not be adversely affected.

Collector, South-Goa informed that there is requirement for using three KTCL buses to go to Kerala for transportation of stranded students/persons. The SEC asked the Collector to permit the movement on receiving the NOG from Kerala Government.

Collector, North-Goa informed that a group of stranded persons needed permission to go to Anand, Gujarat by making their own bus arrangement, and the group has the requisite permission from the Gujarat Government. The SEC permitted the same and advised that the State should facilitate such movements where receiving State has given consent.

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