Extension of Lockdown measures beyond April 14, 2020

Video Conference with Chief Secretaries/ Advisors of States/ UTs

April 15, 2020
MHA Orders and Guidelines

➢ Order dated March 24, 2020 of MHA, along with guidelines, prescribing the lockdown measures in the country for a period of 21 days.

➢ Guidelines amended subsequently; consolidated guidelines on the website of MHA.

➢ MHA Order dated April 14, extending the existing lockdown measures till May 3, 2020.

➢ MHA Order dated April 15, allowing select additional activities from April 20, 2020, as per Revised Consolidated Guidelines in areas which are not in the containment zones. These limited exemptions to be operationalized subject to:
  ➢ strict compliance of existing lockdown measures.
  ➢ taking preparatory actions on social distancing.
Activities prohibited throughout the Country

➢ Passenger traffic movement by air, rail, road except where exempt.

➢ Educational and related institutions.

➢ Industrial/commercial activities/ hospitality services except where exempt.

➢ Cinema halls, malls, shopping complexes, entertainment parks etc.

➢ Social, political, cultural, religious, entertainment, academic, sports gatherings.


➢ In funerals, congregations of not more than 20 persons allowed.

➢ Taxis (including autos and cycle-rickshaws) and cab aggregators.
Strict enforcement of lockdown guidelines

- No dilution of guidelines issued under DM Act, by the State/ UT Governments.
- States/ UTs may impose stricter measures as per local requirements.
- ‘Hotspots’ areas of large COVID-19 outbreaks, or clusters with significant spread.
  - To be determined as per MoHFW guidelines.
- Within hotspots, States/ UTs/ District administrations to demarcate containment zones.
  - Within containment zones, activities allowed under these guidelines not permitted.
  - Strict perimeter control except for essential services – MoHFW guidelines.
- All activities to be suspended in new areas designated as containment zones.
National directives for COVID-19 management

➢ National Directives to be enforced by District Magistrates as per DM Act.

➢ Important stipulations:
  ➢ Wearing of face covers compulsory in all public and work places;
  ➢ Social distancing to be enforced in sitting arrangements;
  ➢ Gatherings of 5 or more persons not allowed in public places;
  ➢ Spitting in public places to be punishable with fine;
  ➢ Strict ban on sale of liquor, gutka, tobacco etc.;
  ➢ Temperature screening and use of sanitizers at work places;
  ➢ Old persons, people with co-morbidity and parents of little children to work from home;
  ➢ *Arogya Setu* app will be encouraged for all employees – public and private sectors.
ACTIVITIES PERMITTED UNDER LOCKDOWN MEASURES

[With effect from April 20, 2020]

{New activities shown in Gold}
Rationale for permitting select necessary activities

➢ Activities aimed at ensuring that agricultural and related activities remain fully functional.

➢ Rural economy functions with maximum efficiency.

➢ Employment opportunities created for daily wage earners and other members of the labour force.

➢ Select industrial activities are allowed to resume their operations, with adequate safeguards and mandatory standard operating protocols (SOPs).

➢ Digital economy, including e-commerce companies, resume full-scale operations.

➢ National Directives for COVID-19 management have been laid down, which shall be enforced by the District Magistrates, for containing spread of COVID-19.
Health services (including AYUSH) fully functional

- Hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, telemedicine facilities.
- Dispensaries, all medicine shops including Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
- Medical and research laboratories, collection centres.
- Veterinary Hospitals, labs, sale and supply of vaccine and medicine.
- Authorised private establishments: home care providers, diagnostics, supply chain firms serving hospitals. [for containing COVID-19]
- Manufacturing units of drugs and all medical products.
- Construction of health infrastructure including manufacture of ambulances.
- Movement (inter/ intra State, including by air) of all medical personnel and ambulances.
Agriculture, horticulture and allied activities

➢ Farming operations by farmers and farm workers.

➢ Procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.

➢ ‘Mandis’ operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) or as notified by the State/ UT Government (e.g., satellite mandis).

➢ Direct marketing operations by the State/ UT Governments or by industry, from farmers/ group of farmers, FPOs’ co-operatives etc.

➢ States/ UTs to promote decentralized marketing & procurement at village level.

➢ Shops of agriculture machinery, and repairs; Custom Hiring Centres (CHC).

➢ Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.

➢ Movement (inter and intra State) of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/ horticulture implements.
Agriculture, horticulture and allied activities..<2>

**Fisheries (Marine and Inland):**
- Operations of fishing & aquaculture industry, their complete supply chain.
- Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
- Movement of fish/ shrimp and fish products, fish seed/ feed and workers.

**Animal husbandry:**
- Complete supply chain of milk and milk products.
- Operation of poultry farms, hatcheries, livestock farming activity.
- Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants.
- Operation of animal shelter homes, including Gaushalas.
Activities in the Rural Economy

➢ Industries operating in rural areas, outside municipal limits, including:

➢ Food processing industries in rural areas.

➢ Brick kilns in rural areas.

➢ Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and industrial projects in rural areas.

➢ MNREGA works allowed with strict implementation of social distancing and face mask.

➢ Priority to irrigation and water conservation works.

➢ Plantations of tea, coffee and rubber, with maximum of 50% workers.

➢ Processing, packaging, sale and marketing of tea, coffee, rubber and cashew.

➢ Common Service Centres (CSCs) in rural areas.
Financial sector

➢ Reserve Bank of India (RBI)/ RBI regulated financial markets.

➢ NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators, standalone primary dealers.

➢ Bank branches, ATMs, Banking Correspondents (BCs)
   ➢ IT vendors for banking operations,
   ➢ ATM operation and cash management agencies.
   ➢ Local administration to provide security for social distancing and staggering.

➢ SEBI, capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

➢ IRDAI and Insurance companies.
Social sector

- Operation of homes for children/ disabled/ mentally challenged/ senior citizens/ destitutes/ women/ widows.

- Observation homes, after care homes and places of safety for juveniles.

- Disbursement of social security pensions, e.g., old age/ widow/ freedom fighter pensions.

- Pension and provident fund services provided by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

- Operation of Anganwadis – distribution of food items and nutrition once in 15 days at the doorsteps of beneficiaries, e.g., children, women and lactating mothers.

  - Beneficiaries will not attend the Anganwadis.
Public utilities

➢ **Operations of Oil and Gas sector:**
  - Refining, transportation, distribution, storage
  - Retail of products, e.g., petrol, diesel, kerosene, CNG, LPG, PNG etc.

➢ Generation, transmission and distribution of power at Central and State/ UT levels.

➢ Postal services, including post offices.

➢ Operations of utilities in water, sanitation and waste management sectors, at municipal/ local body levels in States and UTs.

➢ Operation of utilities providing telecommunications and internet services.
Movement, loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo

➢ All goods traffic will be allowed to ply.

➢ Operations of Railways, Airports, Seaports and Inland Container Depots (ICDs)
  ➢ Transportation of goods/cargo of all kinds, relief and evacuation.
  ➢ Movement of staff and contractual labor allowed on passes issued by the local authority on basis of authorizations.

➢ Movement of trucks with two drivers and one helper
  ➢ Drivers to have valid drivers’ license.
  ➢ Empty trucks allowed to ply after the delivery of goods/ for pick up of goods.

➢ Shops for truck repairs and dhabas on highways.
Supply of essential goods

➢ All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods:

➢ Local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-Commerce companies to operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.

➢ Shops (including Kirana and single shops selling essential goods) and carts, including ration shops (under PDS):

➢ Food and groceries (for daily use), hygiene items, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, poultry, meat and fish, animal feed and fodder etc.

➢ To operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.

➢ District authorities to encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals.
Commercial and private establishments

- Print and electronic media including broadcasting, DTH and cable services.
- IT and IT enabled Services, with upto 50% strength.
- Data and call centres for Government activities only.
- E-commerce companies.
- Courier services.
- Cold storage and warehousing services.
- Private security services and facilities management services.
- Hotels etc. accommodating stranded persons and emergency staff.
  - Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
- Services provided by self-employed persons - electrician, IT repairs, plumbers, motor mechanics, and carpenters.
Industries/ Industrial Establishments (in Government and private sectors)

➢ Manufacturing and industrial establishments with access control:
  ➢ Special Economic Zones (SEZs), Export Oriented Units (EoUs), industrial estates, and industrial townships.
  ➢ Arrangements for stay and transportation of workers.
  ➢ Implementation of the Standard operating protocol (SOP) on social distancing.

➢ Manufacturing units of essential goods, drugs & medical devices.

➢ Continuous process production units, and their supply chain.

➢ Manufacturing of IT hardware.

➢ Coal production, mines and mineral production, incidental activities.

➢ Manufacturing of packaging material; Jute industry with staggered shifts.

➢ Oil and gas exploration/ refinery.
Movement of persons

- Private vehicles for emergency services, including medical and veterinary care, and for procuring essential commodities.
  - One passenger besides the private vehicle driver in case of four-wheelers.
  - In case of two-wheelers, only the driver of the vehicle.

- All personnel travelling to place of work and back in the exempted categories, as per the instructions of the State/ UT local authority.

- Quarantined persons, who have arrived in India after 15.2.2020, after expiry of their quarantine period and being tested Covid-19 negative, will be released following the protocol prescribed in the SOP issued by MHA.
Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices

➢ Following offices to function without any restrictions:

➢ Defence, Central Armed Police Forces, Health and Family Welfare, Disaster management and Early Warning Agencies (IMD, INCOIS, SASE and National Centre of Seismology, CWC), National Informatics Centre (NIC), Food Corporation of India (FCI), NCC, Nehru Yuvak Kendras (NYKs) and Customs.

➢ Other Ministries and Departments, and offices under their control:

➢ To function with 100% attendance of Deputy Secretary and levels above that.

➢ Remaining officers and staff to attend upto 33% as per requirement.
Offices of the State/ Union Territory, their Autonomous Bodies and Local Governments

➢ **Following to function without any restrictions:**
  ➢ Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, prisons and municipal services:
  ➢ **All other Departments of State/ UT Governments to work with restricted staff.**
    ➢ Group ‘A’ and ‘B’ officers may attend as required.
    ➢ Group ‘C’ and levels below that may attend up to 33% of strength, as per requirement.
    ➢ Delivery of public services shall be ensured.

➢ **District administration, Treasury:** As with State/ UT Departments.

➢ **Resident Commissioners**
  ➢ Only COVID-19 related activities and internal kitchen operations.

➢ **Forest offices:** Staff for zoo, nurseries, wildlife, fire-fighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.
Other activities

➢ Online and distance education to be encouraged.

➢ **Construction activities:**

   ➢ All kinds of projects in industrial estates.

   ➢ Construction of renewable energy projects.

   ➢ In situ construction within municipal limits.
Instructions for enforcement of lockdown measures

➢ All the district magistrates shall:

➢ Strictly enforce the National COVID 19 directives.

➢ Penalties prescribed be levied and collected from all persons and entities violating these directives.

➢ Deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions.

➢ Incident commanders to be overall responsible for implementation of guidelines.

➢ All industrial and commercial establishments, work places, offices etc. shall put in place arrangements for implementation of SOP before starting their functioning.

➢ Violations of lockdown measures to be proceeded against as per the provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and Section 188 of the IPC.
SOP for social distancing in work places

➢ All areas to be disinfected.

➢ Special transportation arrangements for workers coming from outside.

➢ Medical insurance for workers to be made compulsory.

➢ Gap of one hour between shifts and staggering of lunch breaks.

➢ Large gatherings or meetings to be discouraged.

➢ Total ban on non-essential visitors at sites.

➢ Mandatory thermal screening and use of sanitizers.

➢ Use of staircases instead of lifts to be encouraged.

➢ Hospitals/clinics in nearby areas for COVID-19 to be identified and listed.
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