

Proceedings of the State Executive Committee (SEC) meeting held to review action taken on COVID 19 containment and management

Date and Time: 25-03-2020 @3:00 pm

Venue: Room 336 (Conference Hall), Vidhana Soudha

Officer Present annexed

1. Chairman welcomed all SEC members and senior officers to the meeting. He informed that the SEC meeting had been convened in light of guidelines issued by MHA vide Order No 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th March 2020 on measures to be taken by Ministries/Departments of Government of India and State/UT Governments for containment of the COVID 19 epidemic in the country.
2. After discussion, SEC resolved that the above guidelines be notified in the State. It also resolved based on the feedback received from various sources that the following services are to be treated as essential and be exempted from the lockdown now currently in place as per the guidelines issued by MHA:
 - a) Veterinary clinics, dispensaries, hospital services and medical and food shops for animals.
 - b) Cocoon market.
 - c) Wholesale trade in food commodities including vegetables and fruits in APMCs under the Agricultural Marketing department
 - d) Opening of certain dhabas/hotels/restaurants to supply packed food (only) along the highways to cater to lorry drivers/cleaners/ or other associated with transport sector.
 - e) UIDAI and NIC offices.
3. Since providing essential services was critical in the 21 day lockdown it was resolved that the Deputy Commissioners shall open exclusive Control rooms for grievance redressal pertaining to transportation of essential commodities and to monitor the provision of essential services.
4. The SEC was also informed that a team has been constituted under Addl. Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner for Supply chain management to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential commodities. It was resolved that the supermarkets and grocery shops should be advised to be opened 24X7 so as to avoid any panic buying and crowding. They should be advised to follow distancing measures inside and outside their premises.



5. To manage the logistics exercise in the coming days it was resolved that Secretary DPAR in consultation ACS, Health and Family Welfare would issue orders for deployment of senior officers from departments which are considered non-essential, for COVID19 management and containment.
6. The SEC felt that the homeless and stranded people need to be taken care during the lockdown and in this regard ACS Food and Civil Supplies shall explore the possibility of providing these vulnerable sections packed food and accommodation facilities in Kalyana Mantapas, etc.
7. It was noted that many individuals and organisations have come forward to contribute for COVID 19 management and containment. For those entities seeking tax exemption under relevant provisions of the IT Act, may contribute to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund and those willing to contribute their CSR funds could contribute to the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority. Secretary to CM was requested to send an appeal in this regard from the Hon'ble Chief Minister to all corporate bodies and the general public.
8. Based on the inputs provided by the Director General of Police it was resolved that an online system of providing curfew passes would be put in place by the Secretary, DPAR(AR) within a week. In the meanwhile the following mechanism would be adopted to allow for personnel involved in essential services to move around during the lock down:

For Bangalore city:

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1	All Govt. Employees/Courts/ PSUs employees/ Banks , Insurance offices, Telecoms/Print and Electronic Media/Doctors and staff of medical establishments/Foreign Consulate, etc with official/company Ids travelling in private/Company or Govt. vehicles	Police will not ask for any Pass and will permit them to commute during the lockdown

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2	Vehicles carrying goods of any nature relating to essential supplies and services.	Police will not ask for any Pass and will permit them to transport during the lockdown
3	Private Security guards	Police will not ask for any Pass and will permit them to commute during the lockdown
4	IT and ITES/STPI/Private Telecom/Semi-conductor industries	ACS, IT and BT will coordinate with companies and submit list of names of critical essential staff to DCP Whitefield for issuance of Passes
3	Essential Commodities supply and delivery	Companies to submit list of names/nos to any DCPs for issuance of passes. Passes need not have a specific name.
4	Manufacturing companies, Scientific institutions working on COVID 19 medical and equipment and research.	List to be routed through Principal Secretary, Industries to DCPs for issue of passes

9. For Districts, the Deputy Commissioners to issue passes on the same lines as has been planned for Bangalore.

10. On the issue of MNREGA, it was resolved that the Principal Secretary, RDPR, would approach Ministry of RDPR, Gol, to seek directions on providing employment under MGNREGA during lockdown to ensure livelihood continuity.

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11. The Commissioner Health impressed on the need to keep Blood banks open and for individual donors to donate blood to replenish stock. This was agreed to by the SEC.
12. The Commissioner BBMP informed the SEC about the long waiting periods for people reaching out to the call centres opened for COVID 19. The SEC directed the BBMP Commissioner to provide more publicity for all the numbers made available and directed the Secretary DPAR(AR) to ramp up the capacity of the existing call centres.
13. The BBMP Commissioner informed the SEC on the delays in deployment of Ambulances for COVID 19 Management. The SEC directed the Commissioner Health and Family Welfare to rope in private ambulance to augment services for COVID 19 management.
14. The ACS Health and Family Welfare informed the SEC on need for operationalizing medical consultation using Telemedicine for tackling the the COVID 19 pandemic. It was resolved that the Health Department may invoke provision under section 18 2 (d) of DM Act, to operationalize. This power had been delegated to them vide order No. RD 157 TNR 2020, 14-03-2020.
15. The SEC noted that MHA had issued revised guidelines for utilisation of SDRF funds to tackle COVID 19. The SEC ratified the decision to give approval to utilise Rs.66.65 crores of SDRF funds with the DCs for taking necessary measures to contain COVID 19 as per modified list of items and norms issued by MHA vide Letter No.33-4/2020-NDM-I dated 14.03.2020.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks



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