

Minutes of the Special State Executive Committee Meeting on CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
held on 9th April, 2020 at Chief Secretary Conference Hall, Dispur

The list of officers present in the meeting is given at Annexure "A"

The meeting was chaired by Shri Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

After detailed discussion following issues were taken for necessary actions:

- It was directed that Home Guards would be deployed for COVID – 19 response services at CSP at Banks and vegetable vending points to ensure maintenance of social distancing and preventing large crowd from collecting. In this regard, DCs and SPs will coordinate with Zilla Sainik Welfare Officer & Education Department to engage Ex-Servicemen (below 55 years) and NCC (Senior Wing) respectively for assisting the police personnel. Commissioner, GAD will get in touch with the Director, NCC and Zilla Sainik Welfare Board to work out the details. Home Department will take up with Special DG, Home Guard to call out trained Home Guards to assist in non-medical activities under COVID-19 response.
- Chief General Manager of SBI to arrange financial transactions of the Accounts ending with Odd & Even number on alternate days to reduce the rush of beneficiaries at banks. DIPR to ensure wide publicity regarding the same on TV, Social Media and the print media.
- DCs to ensure that distribution and sale of vegetables at rates fixed by District Administration is continued through auto vans / mobile carts to pre-empt large crowds from building up at vegetable vending points. Further, NGOs involved in the selling/ distribution of vegetables should not be disturbed.
- ADGP (L & Order), suggested that GPS locations of COVID-19 infected people should be prepared across the State. He mentioned that perishable materials like fish loaded on trucks have been found stranded in Morigaon. The Chief Secretary directed the Transport Department to ensure that such stranded vehicles be immediately allowed to move lest the perishable materials carried by them pose a health hazard.
- DIPR was directed to give Newspaper advertisement appealing people on behalf of Chief Secretary, Govt of Assam to stay at home for the next three days. No one would be allowed to venture out other than for medical emergency / purchase of essential commodities. Officials engaged in essential services would, however, continue performing their duties.
- Commissioner & Secretary, Transport informed that unloading of essential / unessential items were being made speedily across the State to avoid congestion of stranded trucks. He also informed that 100 ASTC buses were plying to commute officials engaged in COVID-19 response work.
- Tea Auction Centre, Guwahati may be allowed to open for e-auction with only five people present at the Tea Auction Centre.
- Agriculture Department to ensure supply of fertilizers for the ensuing Boro Rice season.

- Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister suggested that the categorization of districts in terms of people infected by COVID-19 may be done on the lines of Kerala Model.
- Principal Secretary, H & FW Department informed that:
 - State had geared up its preparedness for COVID-19 response by ramping up its medical facilities with adequate number of ventilators, personal protection gears, etc to meet any eventuality. He informed that the PMSSY Block of GMCH would be converted to a dedicated COVID-19 Hospital and process is on for transforming some Private Hospitals as COVID-19 treatment facilities.
 - SOP have been put in place to consider the cases of people in Home quarantined/ Institutional quarantined for freeing them from restrictions hitherto placed on their movement. It was agreed that Health Department may consider removal of restrictions of such quarantined people only when last person in the group completes his / her quarantine period.
 - He urged upon full and strict enforcement of the lockdown for the next few days except in case of the movement of essential commodities & people connected with exempted services and also those undergoing medical emergencies.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



(Kumar Sanjay Krishna)

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

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