

Minutes of the Special State Executive Committee Meeting on CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

held on 11TH 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 the following issues were taken for consideration and necessary action:

- Odd & Even system of allowing Vehicles to ply will continue till 12th April 2020
- ADGP (L.O) pointed out that there could be as many as 12000 vehicles on Guwahati roads from Sunday onwards. The house decided to entrust ADGP(L.O) , Commissioner of Police and DC(Metro) to chalk out a plan and presented before Chief Secretary by 11 AM tomorrow morning regarding staggering the movement of these vehicles.
- NGOs shall not distribute any relief on their own but will do so only through the DCs of their respective districts.
- J.B. Ekka ,Principal Secretary, Labour & Welfare & Tea Tribes Welfare Dept. pointed out that in some districts tea gardens have opened with deployment of 50% labour force, but in some others the opening of tea garden has not been allowed especially in Biswanath, Dhubri & Tinsukia districts. Chief Secretary asked Principal Secretary Ekka to talk to the concerned DCs for appropriate action.
- Avinash Joshi, Principal Secretary, Sports & Youth welfare informed that he had written to all DCs to utilize the services of NSS volunteers and senior NCC cadets for enforcing social distancing. He also informed that commercial production of sanitizers at Rs.160/- per litre has been allowed to all commercial breweries.
- Syedain Abbasi, Additional Chief Secretary, Food and Civil Supply and C.A. made a strong plea for allowing operation of rice mills as the open market rice stock is dwindling. It was decided that matter would be taken up at an appropriate level.
- DGP pointed out that some T.V channels were promoting and encouraging Bihu festivities including cultural activities at homes with a promise of telecasting/Broadcasting the same to a wider audience. Chief Secretary stated that gathering of people whether at homes or in public places will lead to violation of social distancing norms and therefore, must not be encouraged. He, accordingly, directed DIPR to issue necessary advisories to all media houses not to encourage such activities.
- ADGP (L.O) informed the house that checking of Inter-State drivers has not been 100%. Chief Secretary directed Principal Secretary, Health to ensure 100% medical checking and screening of drivers and handymen of trucks coming from the outside Assam.
- Chief Secretary also directed that Railway authorities be requested to conduct medical checking and screening of all railway personnel travelling in goods train before entering Assam.
- Rajesh Prasad, Agricultural Production Commissioner stated that vegetables markets may be considered for opening with adequate screening and restricted entry.
- J.B.Ekka Principal Secretary, P&RD requested that MGNREGA works be allowed to start immediately by maintaining all norms.

- K.K.Dwivedi, Commr. & Secy, Transport informed that all standing rakes of goods train have been unloaded.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



(Kumar Sanjay Krishna)

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

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1. All concerned.



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Assam State Disaster Management Authority