

Minutes of the State Level Empowered Committee Meeting on CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

held on 21st 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 up for consideration and necessary action:

- Central Govt. offices should arrange public transport like ASTC buses or hired commercial vehicles for its employees to attend office.
- Non-banking Financial Institutions are not to be given permission for restarting operation during the current lockdown.
- Blasting in stone quarries to be exempted under the Mines and Mineral category.
- District Administration to allow the operation of Brick Kiln industries and inter-district transportation of bricks. It was also decided that digging of wells for drinking water would also be allowed.
- ADGP (L&O), Assam Police mentioned that large number of Central Govt. Employees of Railway department started commuting from Kochbihar & Alipurduwar to attend offices in adjoining districts of Assam.

In this regard, a D.O letter to be sent to the Chief Secretary, West Bengal/ Railway Authority to restrict their movement during the lockdown period since Alipurduar in West Bengal is designated as hotspot.

- Chief Secretary directed SAD to arrange optimum number of ASTC buses for Secretariat employees to avoid overcrowding and also for adhering to COVID-19 norms inside the bus.
- DCs to ensure in coordination with dealers to open some hardware stores to cater the needs of hardware materials repairing of houses damaged by storms sweeping across the State.
- DCs to allow opening few book stalls for three hours thrice a week for making available text books to students as well as to explore the possibility of home delivering of text books & exercise books to students.
- DCs to talk to the medicine / drug dealers to facilitate home delivery of essential medicines to critical patients / elderly people / people with disability
- Addl Chief Secretary, FCS&CA Department mentioned that:
 - 550 truckloads of LPG have been pressed into service for supplying LPG cylinders across the State. In this regard, Cachar district requested for additional 40 trucks which has been arranged from Bongaigaon. However, movement of trucks through Meghalaya should be facilitated. In this connection, ADGP (L & O) asked for the list of trucks with registration numbers to take up the matter with his counterpart in Meghalaya.
 - To meet the demand of spices, fresh fruits and dry fruits, wholesale & retail outlets should be kept open in Guwahati during 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM to facilitate its availability during the ensuing Ramzan.
 - For smooth supply and delivery of essential materials through distributors / C&Fs, DC, Kamrup (M) will increase the number of passes for goods carrying vehicles from 50 to 100.

- To facilitate the travel of the engineer connected with the starting of the new pulse mill unit, from Lucknow to Assam, ADGP (L & O) may take up with his counterparts in UP, Bihar and West Bengal.
- Principal Secretary, H & FW Department informed the house that:
 - Medical College Hospitals across the State will start treating emergency patients with serious ailments other than COVID-19 cases w.e.f. 24th April, 2020.
 - Health Department will prepare a map indicating geographical extension of 21 containment zones across the State.
 - Health Department in coordination with District Administration is trying to cater needy people by providing essential medicines from Govt stocks.
 - Pharmacies have been asked to keep a record of customers asking for cough syrup and medicines for similar ailments so that the information is shared with the health department.
- Health Department to provide Rapid Test Kits for medical examination at Inter-State borders for the frontline workers. Further, the department will also ensure health checkup facilities at Assam-Meghalaya border at Jorabat/Kalain in coordination with Police department.
- Health Department was requested to provide the geographical limits of the containment zone of the State so that the same can be publicized in the media, social media to facilitate greater clarity in the understanding of personnel serving in law enforcing agencies. It was confirmed by Principal Secretary, H & F W Department that peripheral zones of all within the containment zones.
- DIPR to give wide publicity on the use of wearing face masks in public places through electronics, print and social media.
- As regards the inter-district movement of people stranded in other locations within the State/ internal migrant labourers, it was decided that Health Department will give first preference to people who got stranded upon medical treatments at GMCH/AMCH etc. followed by the people/labourers stranded in designated COVID relief camps across the State. The aforesaid people should be stamped and home quarantined by the concerned district administration. Use of private vehicles will be allowed as one time measure for inter-district movement. The use of private vehicles by persons with disability, relaxations may be given by DCs/Police for the intra /inter-district movement.
- All private Universities are to be instructed to remain closed and also not insist upon attendance of their employees till the end of the current lockdown.

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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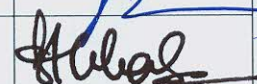





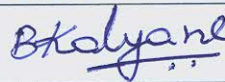



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Assam State Disaster Management Authority

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Attendance sheet

Sl. No.	NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO	SIGNATURE
1	Kumar Sanjay Krishna	Chief Secretary, Assam			
2	Jishnu Barua	ACG	Home ek		
3	Syed Anwar Abkhar	ACG			
4	Sanjay Kohiya	PS to CM			21/4/20
5	Niraj Vema	PS	Pres, VDD		
6	K. K. Dwivedi	CBS	Ind & Com, Transport		
7	M. ANGAMUTHLI	CBS	GAD		
8	M. S. Manivannan	CBS, CEO	Rev & Dy. H&P ASDMA		
9	Hiren Nath	IGP, SB, Assam			
10	B. KALYAN-C	PRINCIPAL-SECY	EDUCATION		
11	DR J B EUBA	Principal Surg	WARD, LWD		
12	M. P Gupta	CP			
13	H. Singh	ADGP			
14	A Chandhrey	AIPR			