

Minutes of the Video Conference regarding the discussion on the status of CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) across the State held on 29th March, 2020 at Chief Secretary Conference Hall, Dispur

A Video Conference with all the district of Assam was held under the chairmanship of Shri Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

After detailed discussion following issues were taken for necessary actions -

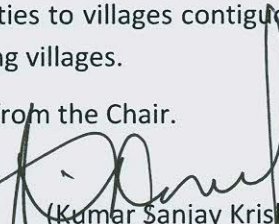
- DCs to ensure :
 - i. supply of one week ration on the basis of relief norms/provisions of Assam Disaster Management Manual 2015 to daily wage earners, slum dwellers/poorer sections of the people in urban areas. The list of the daily wage earners should be prepared with utmost care so that nobody is left out.

Provision of temporary accommodation, food, clothing, medical care etc would be applicable to homeless people, including migrant labourers, stranded due to lockdown measures, and sheltered in the relief camps and other places for providing them food etc. for the containment of spread of COVID-19 virus in the country as per MHA Order No.33-04/2020-NDM-I.
 - ii. safety and provide food and shelter to the people irrespective of whichever State they belong to but stranded in Assam during the lockdown.
 - iii. the control rooms setup in the districts should function effectively 24x7 and maintain the details of the call log. On receipt of information of suspected COVID-19 case the matter is to be brought to the notice of the higher ups. Control Room should be go an extra mile to help the callers in distress.
 - iv. to maintain proper coordination with the railway authorities and plan accordingly for downloading the rakes containing both essential and non-essential commodities.
 - v. to facilitate last mile delivery of grocery products by utilizing the network and services of companies like Swiggy, Zomato Amazon deliveries etc. after duly looking at the costs involves and the various pros and cons.
 - vi. to release the supply of essential commodities to neighbouring States bordering Assam from warehouses in Assam keeping in mind the stock position of essential commodities in each warehouses and the local requirements within the state.
 - vii. those people who trying to enter Assam from West Bengal and other North Eastern States should be immediately quarantined. Special care should also be taken to activate the GaonBurhas and Village Defence Parties to stop the movement of people who are entering Assam through the village roads. These people should be identified and quarantined.
 - viii. to find out and monitor the health status of the Indian citizens who have come to India after 15th February, 2020 as per the list circulated by Home Department.
- Food & Civil Supplies Department requested all DCs to provide the details of the stock position of the wholesale markets of all the essential commodities on a daily basis so as to ascertain the availability of stock for the districts. If any district has a specific problem of

food grains/ pulses which are in the essential commodity list, the concerned DC can immediately inform Addl. Chief Secretary, FCS through whatsapp or sms. The Department also informed that an additional 5 kg of rice/35 kg to AAY card holders be lifted by and distributed to FPSs/GPSs. Additional logistics in this connection to be worked out by DCs. PDS allocation and distribution be given the topmost priority now, the Addl. Chief Secretary, Food & Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs emphasised.

- DCs and SPs to give top priority to unloading of rakes specially the wheat products and should coordinate with the labourers, truck association, wholesalers etc. for smooth unloading and transportation of these essential commodities to various location points.
- DCs and SPs to ensure that the Good Carriers carrying essential commodities on the highways are to be allowed to enter the State unhindered for unloading. The reverse movement of empty trucks is to be allowed to continue without any hindrance since the entire State is dependent on these trucks for replenishing the stock of essential commodities.
- DCs and SPs to ensure the smooth Inter-State movement of trucks carrying essential commodities.
- DCs and SPs to enter into a dialogue with leaders of AMSU AIUDF AVMSU, BSF etc. and request them to sensitize those communities showing reluctance in adhering to the lockdown through newspapers and TV channels.
- SPs to ensure that passes once issued should be honoured and remain valid throughout the State. In case any organisation issues IDs, these should be honoured.
- Health Department informed the DCs that modalities for converting the district civil hospitals into COVID hospitals are being worked out by the Health Deptt. In the 1st phase 6 districts i.e Bongaigaon, Sivasagar, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Nagaon and Dima Hasao have been selected for the purpose. Commissioner & Secretary further informed that NHM has already despatched the masks and sanitizers to the districts. However, it would take 2-3 days for despatching the PPE kits to the districts.
- DCs of BTR to liaise with BTC authorities to ensure supply of essential commodities and movement of vehicles carrying essential commodities to villages contiguous with to Bhutan in view of reports of food shortage in those far-flung villages.

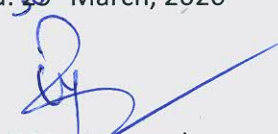
The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.


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