

Minutes of the Meeting regarding the discussion on the status of CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) across the State held on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 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

- Food & Civil Supplies Department informed the House that sufficient stocks of essential food grains are available in the State. As 3.2 L MT Rice and 0.3 L MT Wheat is available with FCI, Assam, which is sufficient for six weeks for distribution under PDS. A stock of 9200 Tonnes of pulses is also available in Guwahati. Other goods in transit are Sugar (3 rakes of 2600 MT each), Refined Oil (2 rakes -1.6 lakh tin of 15 litres each), Mustard Oil (0.5 Lakh litre/Wagon), Pulses (3700 tonnes), milk products (1 rake) and 10,000 MT pulses. Therefore, food stock under PDS may not be an issue immediately. The department further informed that all issues related to unloading of rakes and availability of labour are being resolved. However, there are issues that require deliberation and decision as listed below.
  - I. Open market supply of rice, refined oils, pulses is not happening as production and loading in major centres viz. Rajasthan, MP, UP and Delhi has stopped and hence there may be a shortage of these items shortly in the open market.
  - II. Whether rice mills, edible oil mills, flour mills, chira manufacturing units may be allowed to function or not.
  - III. As movement of all items, essential and non-essential has been allowed by Railways, the issue of rake with mixed goods and items subsequently being stored in mixed warehouses may come.
  - IV. Though F&CS department had advised ASDMA to issue notification directing district authorities to close down wholesale and retail markets of fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry and fish, however it is learnt that some rakes of perishable items viz. fruits, vegetables, fish, potatoes, onion etc. are reaching Guwahati shortly. So a decision on whether to continue allowing this has to be taken.
  - V. Since flour mills supply half of their material for atta manufacture and remaining for bread and biscuit manufacture. Further, bread and biscuit manufacturing industries also need to operate if flour mills are to operate.
  - VI. Whether movement of fertilizers, pesticides and packaged drinking water can be allowed or not.
  - VII. Whether paddy procurement operations should be allowed or not.

FCS & CA department further apprised the House that after giving a decision on opening of any industry, actual operations to restart may take upto a week.

- After due deliberations on the issues raised by Addl. Chief Secretary, FCS&CA it was decided:
  - I. All issues may be flagged before the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the evening. The issues relating to allowing or closing down the supply of fruits, vegetables meat, fish etc. will thereafter be resolved in the subsequent meeting.
  - II. Wholesellers and retailers to be directed to take precautionary measures to avoid the spread of COVID-19 among labourers engaged in handling of essential commodities.
- Health department to provide PPE and other protective kits to Police department with top priority so that the same can be distributed to the police personnel engaged in COVID-19 duty.
- To avoid the shortage of labourers in the coming days, labour barrack/labour pool may be established considering their safety and security at strategic locations to maintain uninterrupted supply chain. Considering the long term perspective for COVID-19 response, the supply chain needs to be strengthened with full vigour.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



(Kumār Sanjay Krishna)

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Dated: 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

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1. All concerned.











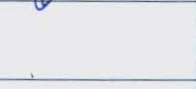
(M. S Manivannan)

Chief Executive Officer

Assam State Disaster Management Authority

STATE LEVEL REVIEW MEETING OF COVID-19 HELD IN CHIEF SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE HALL ON 30-03-2020

Attendance sheet

Sl. No.	NAME	DESIGNATION	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT NO	SIGNATURE
1	Kumar Sanjay Krishna	Chief Secretary, Assam			
2	Jishun Barua	Add CS			
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5	S. Akhona	Add. CS			
6	K. K. Daswadi	CBS T			
7	Anurag Das	CS	HFW		
8	Samir K. Das	Principal Secy Health & FW	HFW DPH		
9	A Choudhury	DI PR			
10	Biswajit Pegu	DC Kamrup (M)			
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