

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

HM&FW Department- Containment, Control and Prevention of COVID – 19 –
Additional guidelines –Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 255

**Dated: 29-04-2020.
Read the following:**

1. MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 15.04.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No.239, HM&FW (B2) Department, Dt.16.04.2020.
3. MHA, GoI Order Nos. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 16.04.2020.
4. MHA, GoI Order Nos. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 19.04.2020.
5. MHA, GoI Order Nos. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 19.04.2020.
6. MHA, GoI Order Nos. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 21.04.2020.
7. MHA, GoI Order Nos. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 24.04.2020.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government has directed the District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, DM&HOs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub Collectors, RDOs, MROs and MPDOs to strictly implement the Order mentioned vide reference 1st read above in accordance with the guidelines as per the Annexure to the G.O 2nd read above.

2. In continuation of the orders issued vide reference 1st read above, vide references 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th read above, the Ministry of Home Affairs has issued additional instructions incorporating certain relaxations, SOPs and clarifications (Annexed as Annexure-I, Annexure-II, Annexure-III, Annexure- IV and Annexure-V respectively to this Order) to mitigate hardship to the public. However, these additional activities will be operational based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines on lockdown measures and that before operating these relaxations, District Administrations shall ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to social distancing in Offices, workplaces, factories and establishments, as also other sectoral requirements are in place and further directed that the "Consolidated Revised Guidelines" vide reference 2nd read above will strictly not apply in Containment Zones, as demarcated and if any new area is included in the category of a Containment Zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a Containment Zone, will be suspended except for those activities as are specifically permitted under the Guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

3. Therefore, all the District Collectors, Joint Collectors, Police Commissioners, SPs, DM&HOs, Municipal Commissioners, Sub Collectors, RDOs, MROs and MPDOs are hereby instructed to strictly implement the Orders mentioned vide reference 2nd read above and also in accordance with the Guidelines Annexed to this G.O. For implementing the containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Incident Commanders as specified.

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4. The Orders mentioned vide references 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th read above shall be implemented along with various orders issued from time to time by the State Government for "Lockdown" in the State to contain the spread of COVID-19.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**NILAM SAWHNEY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
All the District Collectors in the State.
The DGP, A.P., Mangalgi.
The Police Commissioner of Vijayawada & Visakhapatnam.
All the Superintendents of Police in the State.
All the Municipal Commissioners in the State.
All the HoDs under the control of HM&FW Department.
All the DM&HOs in the State.

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OSD to Dy. CM (H, FW&ME).
PS to Spl.CS to Government, HM&FW Department.
PS to Prl. Secretary (Poll).
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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE-I TO G.O.Rt.No. 255 HM&FW (B2) Dept. Dt.29.04.2020

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 15th April, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, the Union Home Secretary, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby orders to include the following in the consolidated revised guidelines for strict implementation by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities:

I. Sub-clause (viii) under Clause 6 'A' on All Agricultural and horticultural activities:

viii. Collection, harvesting and processing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP)/ Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) by Scheduled Tribes and other forest dwellers in forest areas.

II. Sub-clause (iii) under Clause 6 'C' on Plantations:

iii. Bamboo, Coconut, Arecanut, Cocoa, spices plantation and their harvesting, processing, packaging, sale and marketing.

III. Sub clause (v) & (vi) under Clause 7 on Financial Sector:

v. Non-Banking financial institutions (NBFCs) including Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs) with bare minimum staff.

vi. Cooperative Credit Societies.

IV. Clause 16 (i) on construction activities in rural areas, includes, water

supply and sanitation; laying/erection of power transmission lines and laying of telecom optical fiber and cable along with related activities.

ANNEXURE-II TO G.O.Rt. No. 255 HM&FW (B2) Dept. Dt.29 .04.2020

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 15th April, 2020 and 16th April, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(I) of the Disaster Management Act, the Union Home Secretary, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby orders to exclude the following from the consolidated revised guidelines for strict implementation by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities:

Sub-clause (v) under Clause 14 on Commercial and private establishments

v. E-commerce companies. Vehicles used by e-commerce operators will be allowed to ply with necessary permissions.

ANNEXURE-III TO G.O.Rt. No.255 HM&FW (B2) Dept. Dt.29 .04.2020

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Orders No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th March, 2020, 15th April, 2020 and 16th April 2020, and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act, the Union Home Secretary, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues a Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), for movement of stranded labour within the State/UT as Annexed herewith, to Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State /Union Territory Authorities with the directions for its strict implementation.

Standard Operating System (SOP) for movement of Stranded Labour

Due to the spread of COVID-19 virus, workers employed in industry, agriculture, construction and other sectors have moved from their respective places of work and are housed in relief/ shelter camps being run by State/ UT Governments. Since additional new activities, outside the containment zones, have been permitted in the consolidated revised guidelines with effect from 20th April 2020, these workers could be engaged in industrial, manufacturing, construction, farming and MNREGA works. In order to facilitate their movement within the State/UT, the following guidelines shall be followed:

- i. The migrant labourers currently residing in relief/ shelter camps in States/ UTs should be registered with the concerned Local Authority and their skill mapping be carried out to find out their suitability for various kinds of works.
- ii. In the event, that a group of migrants wish to return to their places of work, within the State where they are presently located, they would be screened and those who are asymptomatic would be transported to their respective places of work.
- iii. It may be noted that there shall be no movement of labour outside the State/UT from where they are currently located.
- iv. During the journey by bus, it would be ensured that safe social distancing norms are followed and the buses used for transport are sanitized as per the guidelines of the Health authorities.
- v. The National Directives for COVID-19 Management issued under the consolidated revised guidelines dated 15th April 2020 shall be strictly followed.
- vi. The Local authorities shall also provide for food and water etc., for the duration of their journey.

ANNEXURE-IV TO G.O.Rt. No.255 HM&FW (B2) Dept. Dt.29 .04.2020

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated 15th April, 2020, 16th April 2020 and 19th April 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(l) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Union Home Secretary, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby orders to include the following in the consolidated revised guidelines for strict implementation by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities:

I. Sub-clause (ix), (x) & (xi) under Clause 6 'A' on All Agricultural and Horticultural activities:

- ix. Facilities for export/ import such as Pack houses, inspection and treatment facilities for seeds and horticulture produce.
- x. Research Establishments dealing with the agriculture and horticulture activities.
- xi. Inter and intra State movement of planting materials and honey bee colonies, honey and other beehive products.

II. Sub-clause (xi) and (xii) under Clause 14 on Commercial and private establishments:

- xi. Shops of educational books for students.
- xii. Shops of electric fans.

III. Sub-clause (iii) under Clause 17 on Movement of persons:

- iii. Sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports and their movement for the aforesaid purpose as per attached Standard Operating Protocol (SOP).

IV. Clause 19 (v) on Forest offices includes forestry plantation and related activities, including Silviculture operations.

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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR SIGN-ON AND SIGN-OFF OF INDIAN SEAFARERS AT INDIAN PORTS AND THEIR MOVEMENT FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSE

[As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I (A) dated 21st April, 2020]

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Change of crew of ship (seafarers) is an important measure for operation of merchant ships. This SoP has been formulated to streamline the sign-on/sign-off of Indian Seafarer at Indian Ports for merchant shipping vessels. The following guidelines shall be followed:

I. For Sign-on

- i. Ship owner/ Recruitment and Placement Service (RPS) agency will identify the Indian seafarers for joining a vessel.
- ii. The seafarers will intimate their travel and contact history for last 28 days to the ship owner /RPS agency by email, as per procedure laid down by Director General of Shipping (DGS).
- iii. The seafarer would be examined by a DGS approved medical examiner, as per the guidelines prescribed for this purpose. At the same time, the seafarer shall also be screened, and his travel and contact history examined for the last 28 days; seafarers found to be asymptomatic for COVID-19 and otherwise suitable may be processed for sign-on.
- iv. The Local authority in the area where the seafarer resides will be intimated about his clearance for sign-on and for issue of a transit pass from the place of residence to the place of embarkation on the shipping vessel.
- v. The transit pass for such movement by road, for the seafarer and one driver, may be issued by the Government of the State/Union Territory where the seafarer resides.
- vi. The transit pass (to and fro) will be issued for a fixed route and with specified validity and will have to be adhered to strictly. Such transit pass would be honoured/ allowed by the authorities of the State/ Union Territory along with the transit route.
- vii. The social distancing and other hygiene norms, as per standard health protocol, would be followed by the vehicle transporting the seafarer to his destination.
- viii. At the port of embarkation, the seafarer shall be tested for COVID-19; the seafarer would be ready for sign-on only if the COVID-19 test is negative, failing which, action as per guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) would be taken.

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II. For Sign-off

i. The master of a vessel, coming from any foreign port, or a coastal vessel from any Indian port, while arriving at its port of call in India, shall ascertain the state of health of each person on board the vessel and submit the Maritime Declaration of Health to the health authorities of the port and to the port authorities. In addition, the information required by the local health authorities of the port, like temperature chart, individual health declaration, etc. shall also be provided by the master as per the directives of the health authorities of the port. Port health authorities shall grant pratique to the vessel prior to berthing as per necessary health protocols.

ii. The Indian seafarer arriving on the vessel would undergo the COVID-19 test for confirmation that he/ she is negative for COVID-19. After disembarking and till the time the seafarer reaches the testing facility, within the port premises, it will be ensured by the ship owner that all safety precautions as per standard health protocol are observed.

iii. Till the time test reports of the seafarer are received, the seafarer shall be kept in the quarantine facility by the Port/ State Health Authorities.

iv. If the seafarer is tested as positive for COVID-19, he/ she will be dealt with as per the procedures laid down by MoHFW.

v. For the seafarer tested negative and signed off, the Local Authority in the area where the seafarer disembarks will be intimated about his/ her clearance for signoff, and for issue of a transit pass from the place of disembarkation to the place of his/ her residence.

vi. The transit pass for such movement by road, for the seafarer and one driver, may be issued by the Government of the State/Union Territory where the seafarer disembarks.

vii. The transit pass (to and fro) will be issued for a fixed route and with specified validity and will have to be adhered to strictly. Such transit pass would be honoured/ allowed by the authorities of the State/ Union Territory along the transit route.

viii. The social distancing and other hygiene norms, as per standard health protocol, would be followed by the vehicle transporting the seafarer to his destination.

Note: DG (Shipping) will prescribe the detailed protocol with regard to sign-on and sign-off to be followed in the above cases.

ANNEXURE-V TO G.O.Rt. No.255 HM&FW (B2) Dept. Dt.29.04.2020

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Modifications

I. In Sub-clause 1 (x), the term 'shopping complexes' is replaced with 'market complexes within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities'.

Inclusions

I. Sub-clause (xiii) & (xiv) under Clause 14 on Commercial and private establishments:

xiii. All shops registered under the Shops and Establishment Act of the respective State/UT, including shops in residential complexes and market complexes, except shops in multi-brand and single brand malls, outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities, with 50% strength of workers with wearing of masks and social distancing being mandatory.

xiv. All shops, including neighbourhood shops and standalone shops, shops in residential complexes, within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities, registered under the Shops and Establishment Act of the respective State/UT, except shops in market complexes and multi-brand and single brand malls, with 50% strength of workers with wearing of masks and social distancing being mandatory.

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