

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department - List of essential services / Commodities, Transport services, Shops dispensing such items and movement of staff/employees related to such items - exemption from Lockdown - Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.289

Dated:26.03.2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.211, Health, Medical & Family (B2) Department, dt:23.3.2020.
2. Minutes of the Meeting of Committee held on 24.3.2020 at the NTR Health University, Vijayawada.

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ORDER:-

In pursuance of the orders issued in the reference first read above, a Committee has been Constituted under Secretary (Marketing)with the following composition to ensure availability of essential commodities throughout the State during the period of Lockdown:-

- i. Commissioner, Civil Supplies(Convenor)
- ii. Commissioner, Transport
- iii. DGP, Tadepalli
- iv. Director, Drugs Control Administration
- v. Special Commissioner, Horticulture
- vi. Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing
- vii. Controller, Legal Meteorology
- viii. MD, Dairy Development Cooperative Federation.

2. The Committee met on 24.3.2020 at NTR Health University, Vijayawada and after deliberations, has recommended a set of instructions in connection with the maintaining of essential supplies during lock down.

3. Government after careful examination of the recommendations of the Committee hereby order implementation of the following.

1. List of essential services exempted during Lockdown:

The following items have been identified as essential services/commodities. Transport services carrying the above goods, shops selling the above goods and movement of staff/employees related to these goods shall be exempted from lockdown.

- 1.1. All vegetables
- 1.2. All fruits
- 1.3. Milk and dairy products
- 1.4. Eggs, poultry, meat and fish
- 1.5. Groceries (Pachari samanlu)
- 1.6. Public Distribution System through FP Shops
- 1.7. Fodder, Cattle feed and Aqua feed and ingredients

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- 1.8. Drinking water (RO/ mineral) and water tankers
- 1.9. Bread and Biscuits
- 1.10. Bulk drugs and pharmaceuticals
- 1.11. Drug formulations (Medicines)
- 1.12. Masks & Sanitizers
- 1.13. Medical equipment and medical supplies
- 1.14. Health services and medical shops and Veterinary services
- 1.15. Petroleum products including LPG, CNG, Furnace oil, Petrol, Diesel, LS, HS, Aviation Fuel, ethanol etc.
- 1.16. Rice Mills, Dal Mills and Oil Mills
- 1.17. Loading, dispatch and unloading of food grains from all godowns
- 1.18. Internet and Telecom service providers and their agencies
- 1.19. Post offices
- 1.20. Banks and ATM's
- 1.21. Insurance companies
- 1.22. Stock articles required for procurement of food grains/ Vegetables / fruits viz., Tarpaulins, Gunnies, Polythene, Crates, fumigants etc.,
- 1.23. E-commerce platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart etc and food delivery platforms such as Swiggy, Zomato etc.

2. Broad approach for maintaining essential supplies

- 2.1. The district administration shall maintain essential supplies by allowing the supply chain to function.
- 2.2. The typical supply chain consists of transportation to Wholesalers / super markets and from there to traders / retailers / kirana shops / consumers.
- 2.3. If this supply chain operates with as less friction as possible, then the supply of essential commodities can be maintained
- 2.4. Encourage super markets to do home delivery of essential commodities.

3. The administrative structure for maintaining supply of essential commodities

3.1. A district level committee under the Joint Collector shall be constituted comprising of the following officers to maintain the essential supplies.

- 3.1.1. Municipal Commissioner
- 3.1.2. Additional Superintendent of police
- 3.1.3. Deputy Commissioner, Transport
- 3.1.4. Joint Director Agriculture
- 3.1.5. Deputy Director Horticulture
- 3.1.6. Joint Director Animal Husbandry
- 3.1.7. Assistant Director Marketing
- 3.1.8. Project Director District Rural Development Agency
- 3.1.9. District Panchayat Officer
- 3.1.9. District Supply Officer

Any other person as deemed necessary by the Joint Collector

3.2. In Municipal area, the Municipal Commissioner or the Additional Municipal Commissioner shall be the Nodal Officer for maintaining essential supplies. Additionally, there shall be a special officer for essential supplies for each ward.

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3.3. A special officer shall be appointed for each mandal outside the Municipal area. He will monitor the maintenance of essential supplies in all the panchayats with in the mandal.

3.4. Duties of the ward special officer.

3.4.1. Make a list of all the grocery and fruit and vegetables stores in the ward and ensure that it is open as per the prescribed timings.

3.4.2. If there are any obstacles in the operation of the supply chain due to stoppage of transportation or hamalies, he has to bring this to the notice of the control room where Joint Collector/Municipal commissioner will issue suitable instructions.

3.4.3. Ensure that the grocery shops implement social distancing and do necessary marking in white paint for people to stand in queue.

3.4.4. Any other duty which the Municipal Commissioner or Joint Collector assigns.

3.5. Duties of the mandal special officer: He will perform the same function as mentioned in para 3.4 above for all the panchayats within the mandal.

3.6. Responsibilities of the Joint Collector/Municipal Commissioner.

3.6.1. Call a meeting of all retailers/wholesalers/kirana shop representatives and sensitize them of the issue. Please maintain social distance during such meetings.

3.6.2. Get the list of minimum number of hamalies who need to function to keep the supply chain intact and share the list with the police for allowing them to the market place

3.6.3. Encourage the super markets to do door delivery as much as possible.

3.6.4. In urban area, tag the grocery stores to the localities and ensure the grocery/fruit & vegetable stores are open at timings as notified by the government.

3.6.5. The grocery stores should be tagged in such a way that there is one store for every locality within 2-3 kms radius.

3.6.6. Decentralize the rythu bazars by opening temporary rythu bazars in open places in as many localities as possible.

3.6.7. Ensure that the rythu bazars implement social distancing and do necessary marking in white paint for people to stand in queue.

3.6.8. Increase the number of mobile rythu bazars.

3.6.9. Make an inventory of all hawkers in the Corporation area and use them for decentralized distribution of essential commodities especially fruits and vegetables.

3.6.10. Fix the rates of vegetables and fruits and display the same in pubic places. Ensure that there is no one is selling them at higher prices.

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4. Supply of Milk and Dairy products:

The MD Dairy and PDDRDA shall ensure that all dairy units shall step up production of tetra packs/ tetrafino's with longer shelf-life and ensure adequate stocks in all urban local bodies besides ensuring the regular supply of milk sachets.

5. Availability of Sanitizers and Masks:

The DG drug control shall designate few stores where sanitizers would be made available for Govt. agencies and PSUs involved in the transportation and dispensing of essential Commodities.

6. Movement of Trucks:

- 6.1. All trucks carrying goods shall be allowed without any restriction with a condition that such vehicles shall not carry any passengers.
- 6.2. Empty Trucks proceeding to load goods shall be allowed.
- 6.3. Inter state transport of all trucks carrying goods shall be allowed.
- 6.4. All trucks carrying goods shall carry a flexi/banner displaying the same for easy identification at check posts.

7. Citizens are permitted to make representations for redressal of any issues related to the above in toll free no.1902.

8. Joint Collectors shall establish a separate control room consisting of officers from related Departments to constantly monitor the situation.

4. All the District Collectors in the State of AP/ All the Superintendent of Police in the State of AP/ The Commissioner of Marketing, AP., Guntur / The Commissioner Civil Supplies / The Managing Director, Dairy Development, AP., Vijayawada. / The Director General, Drugs Control, AP., Vijayawada. / The Commissioner of Transport, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada are requested to take necessary action on the items with which they are concerned.

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

NILAM SAWHNEY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The All the District Collectors in the State of AP.
The All the Superintendent of Police in the State of AP.
The Commissioner of Marketing, AP., Guntur.
The Commissioner , Civil Supplies, AP., Vijayawada.
The Director General of Police, AP., Mangalagiri.
The Commissioner of Horticulture, AP., Guntur.
The Inspector General, Legal Metrology, AP.
The Managing Director, Dairy Development, AP., Vijayawada.
The Director General, Drugs Control, AP., Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Transport, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The PS to CS to Govt.
The PS to Prl.Secy. to CM
The PS to Spl.CS to Govt., HM&FW Dept.
The PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt., Rev.(DM) Dept.
The PA to Spl.Commnr.(DM) & EOAS, Rev.(DM) Dept.
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