

Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice

To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries & Heads of Departments
2. The Director General of Police, Punjab
3. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
4. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/276

Dated: Chandigarh, the 1st day of April, 2020.

Sub: **Maintenance of supply chain of essential commodities/services..**

Kindly refer to the directions issued vide No.SS/ACSH/2020/SFL.2 dated the 29th day of March, 2020 (copy enclosed for ready reference) in the matter cited as subject.

2. In this context, it is reiterated that the manufacture, transportation and supply of essential commodities has to be ensured by all concerned.
3. It is seen that some districts are insisting that the operations of the industrial units manufacturing essential goods will be allowed subject to the condition that the labour will have to be housed in the premises of the industrial unit itself. It is clarified that the State Government does not mandate provision for stay of labour in the premises of an industrial unit **IF** the same is engaged in the manufacture of **ESSENTIAL** goods.
4. Perhaps, confusion has arisen on account of separate instructions of Industries Department of the State Government allowing **ALL INDUSTRIAL UNITS** to open and start operations provided these industrial units had adequate arrangements for **HAVING THE LABOUR IN THE PREMISES**. There is **NO SUCH REQUIREMENT FOR UNITS** engaged in manufacture, transportation and supply of **ESSENTIAL ITEMS**.
5. Any obstruction in operations and logistics of essential goods may disrupt the supply chain and prove counter-productive to the cause. All the officers in the State may take action accordingly for ensuring smooth operations of essential goods and not levy any conditions on their own, in contradiction to these and related directions of the State Government.

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