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To

1. All the Administrative Secretaries
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/ 275

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

Sub: Distribution of social security pensions and benefits to the beneficiaries in villages through business correspondents.

It is in continuation to this office letter No. SS/ACSH/2020/272 dated the 30th March 2020, vide which, among other things, banks have been allowed to operate for the entire week subject to the condition that the social distancing norms are maintained.

2. Social security pensions and other benefits are credited directly in the bank account of rural beneficiaries. Under the current curfew and lockdown, they will not be able to reach the banks/ATMs. The banks would also be required to disburse other social security benefits of Government of India and the State Governments.

3. It is, therefore, directed that –

- (i) The social security benefits including the State old-age pensions be disbursed through business correspondents. If the number of business correspondents is required to be augmented, the Banks are required to do it immediately. They are further requested to approach the district authorities for bulk passes for the business correspondents.
- (ii) Social distancing norms of at-least 2 metres distance between the bank employees and customers and also amongst the customers themselves are maintained.
- (iii) Banks have been allowed to operate throughout the week in order to avoid overcrowding of bank branches. However they are requested to adhere to public dealing timings to the extent possible and accordingly, it is suggested that the bank branches be opened to the public between 10.00 am to 2.00 pm.

4. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to call meeting of the LDMs, DMs and District Social Security Officers of their districts and try to get the rural pensions distributed through business correspondents to the extent possible.

A report in this regard may daily be e-mailed to the State Control room at sscr.pb.2020@gmail.com

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