

Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice

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/ 225

Dated: Chandigarh, the 03.04.2020.

Sub: **Guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India on lockdown.**

Kindly find enclosed herewith:-

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- (ii) Clarification dated 02.04.2020 regarding mandis, AYUSH hospitals, and
- (iii) 3rd Addendum dated 02.04.2020 in regard to transit arrangements of foreign nationals and release of foreign travelled Indians who were quarantined and who have completed their quarantine period,
for compliance.

Darshan Arora

Additional Chief Secretary(Home)

03.04.2020

CC: Shri Arun Sekhri, IAS,
Secretary to the Government of Punjab,
Department of Home Affairs & Justice.

● **Consolidated Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic in the Country, as notified by Ministry of Home Affairs on 24.03.2020 and further modified on 25.03.2020 and 27.03.2020.**

1. Offices of the Government of India, its Autonomous/ Subordinate Offices and Public Corporations shall remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Defence, central armed police forces.
- b. Treasury (including, Pay & Accounts Offices, Financial Advisers and field offices of the Controller General of Accounts, **with bare minimum staff**),
- c. Public utilities (including petroleum, CNG, LPG, PNG), power generation and transmission units, post offices.
- d. Disaster management and Early Warning Agencies
- e. National Informatics Centre.
- f. Customs clearance at ports/airports/land border, GSTN; and MCA 21 Registry **with bare minimum staff**.
- g. Reserve Bank of India and RBI regulated financial markets and entities like NPCI, CCIL, payment system operators and standalone primary dealers **with bare minimum staff**.

2. Offices of the State/ Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies, Corporations, etc. shall remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Police, home guards, civil defence, fire and emergency services, disaster management, and prisons.
- b. District administration and Treasury (including field offices of the Accountant General **with bare minimum staff**)
- c. Electricity, water, sanitation.
- d. Municipal bodies—Only staff required for essential services like sanitation, personnel related to water supply etc.
- e. Resident Commissioner of States, in New Delhi **with bare minimum staff**, for coordinating Covid-19 related activities and internal kitchens operations.
- f. Forest offices :Staff/ workers required to operate and maintain zoo, nurseries, wildlife, firefighting in forests, watering plantations, patrolling and their necessary transport movement.
- g. Social Welfare Department, **with bare minimum staff**, for operations of Homes for children/ disables/ senior citizens/ destitute/ women /widows; Observation homes; pensions.
- h. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.

- i. 'Mandis' operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee or as notified by the State Government.

The above offices (Sl. No 1 & 2) should work with minimum number of employees. All other offices may continue to work-from-home only.

3. Hospitals, Veterinary Hospitals and all related medical establishments, including their manufacturing and distribution units, both in public and private sector, such as dispensaries, chemist, Pharmacies (including Jan Aushadhi Kendra) and medical equipment shops, laboratories, Pharmaceutical research labs, clinics, nursing homes, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The transportation for all medical personnel, nurses, para-medical staff, other hospital support services be permitted.

4. Commercial and private establishments shall be closed down.

Exceptions:

- a. Shops, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, meat and fish, animal fodder, fertilizers, seeds and pesticides. However, district authorities may encourage and facilitate home delivery to minimize the movement of individuals outside their homes.
- b. Banks, insurance offices, and ATMs including IT vendors for banking operations; Banking Correspondent and ATM operation and cash management agencies.
- c. Print and electronic media.
- d. Telecommunications, internet services, broadcasting and cable services. IT and IT enabled Services only (for essential services) and as far as possible to work from home.
- e. Delivery of all essential goods including food, pharmaceuticals medical equipment through E-commerce.
- f. Petrol pumps, LPG, Petroleum and gas retail and storage outlets.
- g. Power generation, transmission and distribution units and services.
- h. Capital and debt market services as notified by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- i. Cold storage and warehousing services.
- j. Private security services.
- k. Data and call centers **for Government activities only.**
- l. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in the field.
- m. 'Custom Hiring Centres (CHC)' related to farm machinery.

All other establishments may work-from-home only.

5. Industrial Establishments will remain closed.

Exceptions:

- a. Manufacturing units of essential goods, including drugs, pharmaceutical, medical devices, their raw materials & intermediates.
 - b. Production units, which require continuous process, after obtaining required permission from the State Government.
 - c. Coal and mineral production, transportation, supply of explosives and activities incidental to mining operations.
 - d. Manufacturing units of packaging material for food items, drugs, pharmaceutical and medical devices.
 - e. Manufacturing and packaging units of Fertilizers, Pesticides and Seeds
6. All transport services – air, rail, roadways – will remain suspended.
 Exceptions:
- a. Transportation for essential goods only.
 - b. Fire, law and order and emergency services.
 - c. Operations of Railways, Airports and Seaports for cargo movement, relief and evacuation and their related operational organisations.
 - d. Inter-state movement of goods/ cargo for inland and exports.
 - e. Cross land border movement of essential goods including petroleum products and LPG, food products, medical supplies.
 - f. Intra and inter-state movement of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/horticulture implements.
7. Hospitality Services to remain suspended
 Exceptions:
- a. Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels, which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff, air and sea crew.
 - b. Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
8. All educational, training, research, coaching institutions etc. shall remain closed.
9. All places of worship shall be closed for public. No religious congregations will be permitted, without any exception.
10. All social/ political/ sports/ entertainment/ academic/ cultural/ religious functions / gatherings shall be barred.
11. In case of funerals, congregation of not more than twenty persons will be permitted.
12. All persons who have arrived into India after 15.02.2020, and all such persons who have been directed by health care personnel to remain under strict home/ institutional quarantine for a period as decided by local Health Authorities, failing which they will be liable to legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.

13. Wherever exceptions to above containment measures have been allowed, the organisations/employers must ensure necessary precautions against COVID-19 virus, as well as social distance measures, as advised by the Health Department from time to time.
14. In order to implement these containment measures, the District Magistrate will deploy Executive Magistrates as Incident Commanders in the respective local jurisdictions. The Incident Commander will be responsible for the overall implementation of these measures in their respective jurisdictions. All other line department officials in the specified area will work under the directions of such incident commander. The Incident Commander will issue passes for enabling essential movements as explained.
15. All enforcing authorities to note that these strict restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential goods.
16. The Incident Commanders will in particular ensure that all efforts for mobilization of resources, workers and material for augmentation and expansion of hospital infrastructure shall continue without any hindrance.
17. Any person violating these containment measures will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Sec. 188 of the IPC.

AJAY BHALLA, IAS



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Home Secretary
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Government of India
North Block,
New Delhi

D.O. No. 40-3/2020-DM-I)A(

02nd April, 2020

Dear *Chief Secretary,*

Kindly refer to my D.O. letter of even number dated 29.03.2020 informing that Consolidated Guidelines, on the Lockdown measures issued vide MHA's Order dated 24th March, 2020 and two addendums dated 25.03.2020 and 27.03.2020, are available at:

✓ https://mha.gov.in/sites/default/files/PR_ConsolidatedGuidelinesofMHA_28032020.pdf *✓*

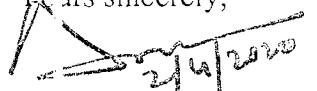
2. Some queries have been raised with regard to exemption of specific services within the category of exceptions already allowed in the above referred consolidated guidelines. In this regard, I would like to clarify that:-

- (i) Exception under clause 2(g), include distribution of food items and nutrition support by Anganwadi workers, once in 15 days, at the doorsteps of beneficiaries - children, women and lactating mothers.
- (ii) 'Mandi' under exception to clause 2(i), include direct marketing facilitated by the State Government/UT Administration, directly from the farmers/group of farmers, FPOs Cooperatives, etc..
- (iii) Hospital and related medical services under clause 3 include AYUSH services i.e. sale and distribution of drugs, hospital dispensaries, individual clinics and telemedicine facilities.
- (iv) Manufacturing units under exception to clause 5(a) include manufacturing of AYUSH drugs.
- (v) Manufacturing units of packaging material under exception to clause 5(d) include packaging material for AYUSH drugs.

3. However, as specified in the lockdown measures, social distancing and proper hygiene practices must be ensured.

4. District authorities and field agencies may please be informed on the above accordingly, so as to avoid ambiguity at the ground level.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Ajay Bhalla)

Chief Secretaries of All States
(As per Standard List attached)

No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 2nd Apr 1, 2020

ORDER

In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs's Orders No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th March, 25th March and 27th March, 2020 and in exercise of the powers, conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairperson, National Executive Committee, hereby issues the 3rd Addendum to guidelines, as Annexed to the said Orders issued to Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities with the directions for their strict implementation.


2/4/2020
Home Secretary

To

1. The Secretaries of Ministries/ Departments of Government of India
 2. The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories
- (As per list attached)**

Copy to:

- i) All members of the National Executive Committee.
- ii) Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority.

No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs


Subject : 3rd Addendum to Guidelines annexed to the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24.03.2020

A. Addition of sub-clause (g) in exception to clause 6

- (g) Transit arrangements for foreign national(s) in India.
(as per attached SOP)

B. Addition of sub-clause (a) in exception to clause 12

- (a) Release of quarantined persons, who have arrived in India after 15.2.2020, after expiry of their quarantine period and being tested Covid-19 negative **(as per attached SOP)**.


Home Secretary | 24/3/2020

No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A)
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Ministry of Home Affairs

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP) FOR TRANSIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS STRANDED IN INDIA.

Sub-Clause (g) in exception to clause 6

It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that a number of foreign nationals are stranded in different parts of the country, due to the lockdown measures. Some foreign countries have approached Government of India for evacuation of their nationals to their countries.

2. In view of the above, it has now been decided that requests received from foreign governments, for evacuation of their nationals from India, would be examined by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India on case to case basis. In cases where such requests are endorsed by MEA, the following protocol would be observed:

- i) The chartered flight would be arranged by the concerned foreign government in consultation with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India.
- ii) Prior to departure, the foreign national(s) would be screened for COVID-19 symptoms as per the standard health protocol. Only those foreign national(s) would be allowed to leave, who are asymptomatic for COVID-19. In case of symptomatic person(s), the future course of treatment would be followed, as per the standard health protocol.
- iii) The local transportation arrangements from the place of stay of the foreign national(s) to the point of embarkation would be arranged by the local Embassy/Consulate of the respective foreign government.
- iv) The transit pass for movement of the vehicle deployed for movement of the foreign national(s) would be issued by the Government of the State/Union Territory where the foreign national(s) is/are staying.
- v) The transit pass, as issued above, would be honoured/ allowed by the authorities of the State/Union Territories along the transit route.

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE OF QUARANTINED PERSONS, AFTER EXPIRY OF QUARANTINE PERIOD AND TESTED COVID-19 NEGATIVE

Sub-Clause (A) in exception to clause 12

With a view to preventing spread of COVID-19 and as a measure of abundant precaution, persons returning from foreign locations after 15.2.2020 had been quarantined in government/government-arranged facilities. In respect of these persons, the following protocol would be observed after completion of the specified mandatory quarantine period:

- i) Person(s) testing negative for COVID-19, and as per standard health protocol, would be released from the said quarantine facility(ies). However, this will not apply to a group, where even one person tests positive for COVID-19.
- ii) These persons are expected to return to their homes, or to the homes of their families/relatives/friends or to other places of shelter like hotels, etc., by making their own transport arrangements.
- iii) The transit pass for movement of vehicle(s), being used by such person(s), would be issued by the Government of the State/Union Territory where they have been quarantined.
- iv) The transit pass will be issued for fixed route and with specified validity and such person(s) shall follow the same.
- v) The transit pass, as issued above, would be honoured/ allowed by the authorities of the State/Union Territories along the transit route.
- vi) As a measure of abundant caution, upon returning to their destination such persons would home quarantine themselves for a further period of 14 days as per standard protocol on the matter.
- vii) Details of person(s) released from quarantine, along with their destination, will be shared with the concerned State/UT Government for necessary follow up.

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