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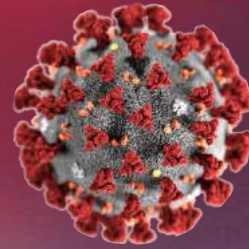
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## APPEAL

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Of all peace time adversities human kind has ever faced, COVID-19 will leave behind highest distress in terms of disrupting lives and rupturing the socio-economic fabric of nations. India with its vast economically challenged populace may have to face greater hardship & anguish than most others and the brunt is usually borne by the poor, self employed, traders, tiny, small, medium enterprises and unpleasantly so in that order.

FTCCI with its objective of promoting & protecting trade, commerce and industry has already made several representations to the State and Central Government requesting for help, reliefs, measures and grants to traders, MSMEs and others to bridge over this crisis. Whilst this was the duty, FTCCI – a body of which you are a respected member should also show its human face by reciprocating and lending a helping hand to the government to support those, whose lives have been most affected by the virus.

Many members of FTCCI have already contributed for this great purpose by their generous aid but we wish more of our valued members be associated and included in this noble cause through their free-handed donations withstanding the fact that it is not the sum but the collective deed that is important.

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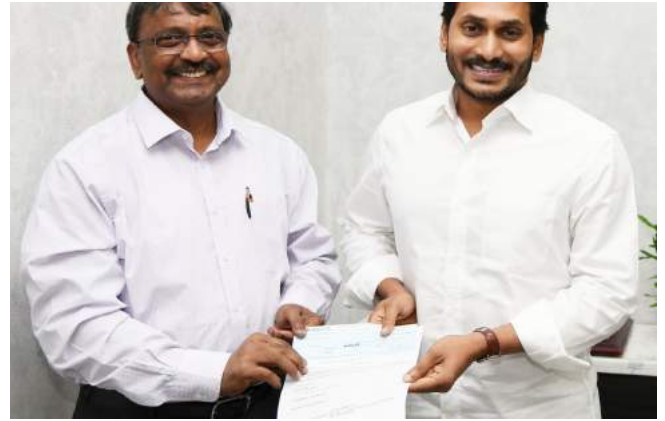
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## Dear Members

**O**ur country and all the countries of the world are experiencing an unprecedented crisis, more than a world war in its scale and

loss in wealth and human lives. It is time for the entire human race to move ahead with poise and determination to overcome the crisis.

It is an expected outcome that GDP growth will fall, perhaps to its lowest level, for the FY 2020-2021. As per ICRA survey Indian economy is going to register about 2% growth rate. The impact of Covid-19 lockdown and the subsequent disruptions in all activities will have a long-lasting impact on all sectors. It may take six months to one year time for the businesses to register normal levels of activity.

Most part of the MSME sector, with around 110 million employees in about 63 million units, accounting for 32% of the GDP and 48% of exports is now under lockdown. The major challenge that is looming large is how to sustain once they open? The challenge is even bigger for the units in export sector as they are unsure of new orders in near future with the whole world affected badly by virus.

Amid uncertainty as to when the situation normalizes, there will be a sharp downturn in production causing job losses. With the erosion in purchasing power due to job losses or pay cuts, domestic demand falls and trickle-down effect of demand deferral will have a longer-lasting impact on some other sectors, especially where demand is discretionary in nature like travel, tourism and hospitality, construction, transport etc.

The governments, State and Central, must extend a support package to all industrial and business entities to protect the jobs and prevent the economy from going further down the hill. The government, under the Disaster Management Act issued orders to pay full wages to all the employees for the period of lockdown and this coupled with all the utility payments like electricity bill, water bill etc. and statutory payments such as different taxes, fees will put a huge dent on finances of enterprises.

The RBI has announced certain relief measures like 3 months moratorium on loans etc, which are insufficient and in fact puts more burdens on industrial units and needs to be relooked into.

In this period of crisis and innumerable challenges industry is facing, I appeal to the government of Telangana and Government of India to extend hand holding support by means of reliefs from payments of various bills, waiver of interest and penalties, wage compensation from ESI and PF Funds, relaxation in asset classification norms and

regulations etc.

The industry and the government must work together to come out of the situation with minimum possible losses in jobs and employment. It calls for perseverance and utmost restraint from taking any hasty decisions.

With the social distancing norms, we are conducting webinars on various subjects to disseminate the information to all our members and to appraise the government of various difficulties faced by industry for their intervention to solve the problems. I am happy to share that we are receiving overwhelming response to these webinars and request all the members to take advantage by more active participation. We have so far conducted webinars on – EXIM Trade during the lockdown of pandemic Covid-19; Lockdown and issues in wages, PF and ESI payments, Concessions and Waivers to Businesses due to Covid-19; how can Indian MSMEs tide over their working capital challenges amid the Covid-19 crisis; and Statutory Compliances in order to deal with lockdown of Covid-19 under GST.

The Federation is working relentlessly to bring the hardships faced by the industry to the notice of the government and convince them to announce relief package at the earliest. We have submitted various representations to Union Ministries, and State government and pursuing the same with the officials. We are not stopping from our efforts at any point of time and my earnest request to all the members is – Don't lose hope, it is only temporary and we will come out victorious as ever!

Whilst this was the duty, we should also show its human face by reciprocating and lending a helping hand to the government to support the people whose lives have been most affected by the Covid-19 lockdown. I appeal all our valued members to associate with this noble cause through their free handed donations. It is not the sum but the collective deed that is important and requests every one of the members to participate.

This issue of FTCCI Review is different from the regular editions in that we have compiled various orders issued from time to time by State and Central governments related to Covid-19 crisis and published them to serve as a ready reference for members. We have also published the representations submitted for the information of members. If members have any issues that needs to be escalated with the government, please bring them to the notice of Federation to take necessary action.

Let us all be together and fight Covid-19 crisis unitedly!

**Karunendra S.Jasti**  
President

## Power companies blow fuse as states want switch-off

Power companies say distribution companies have misinterpreted a statement issued by the Union power ministry last week invoking its special powers to direct the central power regulator to provide three-month moratorium to make payments to generating companies and transmission licensees and not to levy penal rates of late payment surcharge.

Panic-stricken thermal and renewable power producers have rushed to the government seeking immediate help as states have started invoking the 'force majeure' clause in their contracts to ask projects to shut down because of low demand, and not paying even fixed costs during the period.

Power producers have told the government that this will lead to cash flow problems and unavoidable disruption in power supply. Power companies say distribution companies have misinterpreted a statement issued by the Union power ministry last week invoking its special powers to direct the central power regulator to provide three-month moratorium to make payments to generating companies and transmission licensees and not to levy penal rates of late payment surcharge.

A senior power ministry official said the statement issued on March 28 allowed deferral of payments by discoms and did not exempt them from payments. Power firms have asked the Union power ministry to issue a clarification in this regard.

Distribution companies of states like Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have invoked force majeure event as per their power purchase agreements (PPAs) with many power plants citing reduction of electricity demand due to nationwide lockdown to prevent the spread of coronavirus. They have told many power plants that their electricity will not be scheduled and the projects should stop declaring availability of electricity. Punjab State Power Corp Ltd has told power plants that it is facing drastic reduction in power demand and has asked power plants to stop supplying. It has also said that the force majeure condition absolves it of paying fixed charges. The Uttar Pradesh discoms have stopped all payments to power projects at a time when the accumulated dues of Indian discoms to power projects stand at Rs 87,000 crore.

Association of Power Producers director general Ashok Khurana has written to the power ministry that under force majeure, regulations allow the discoms to ask power plants for 'reserve shutdown' while the fixed charges are payable.

The distribution companies have absolved themselves of all obligations under PPAs while suspending late payment charges too. Industry experts said more states are likely

to come out with such measures.

Renewable energy companies have also written to power and renewable energy minister R K Singh that the moratorium to distribution companies be withdrawn and the state utilities be instead given a direct financial support.

The power ministry's statement had directed all central and state power generating plants to continue power supply to discoms facing challenges in bill collection.

It also reduced by half the bank guarantees to be submitted by discoms in favour of power plants. It directed the CERC to provide a moratorium of three months to discoms to make payments to generating companies and transmission licensees and not to levy penal rates of late payment surcharge.

[https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/power/power-companies-blow-fuse-as-states-want-switch-off/articleshow/74938799.cms?utm\\_source=contentofinterest&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=cppst](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/power/power-companies-blow-fuse-as-states-want-switch-off/articleshow/74938799.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst)

## Maharashtra eases power payment norms for industrial consumers

The ongoing lockdown in seen to take a toll on the finances of the state-run discoms which are finding it difficult to continue meter reading exercises and collect payments from consumers.

To provide relief to commercial and industrial power consumers in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the electricity regulator of Maharashtra has asked the state's power distribution companies to put a moratorium on payment of fixed charges to its large consumers for the next three billing cycles starting March 25.

While acknowledging that discoms will have to borrow additional working capital to make up for the shortfall stemming from the lower cashflow due to the moratorium, the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) has asked them to provide relief to power consumers from the burden of the incremental working capital interest.

Electricity bills have two components: fixed and variable. While the fixed charges are predetermined amount that consumers pay on a monthly basis, the variable charges are based on the volume of electricity consumed.

In its latest tariff schedule for FY21, MERC has approved an average tariff reduction of 7% for the industrial and commercial sector. To further encourage industrial consumption for MSEDCL consumers, the regulator has

also introduced a concept of incremental consumption rebate of Rs 0.75/kVAh to further reduce their effective tariff. Tariff of residential consumers is reduced by 5%. Agriculture tariff remains low with 50% of cross subsidy continued to be extended to this category. Maharashtra has already suspended meter reading and physical bill distribution work and has asked the discoms to issue bills on average usage basis 'till the current crisis gets subsided'.

The ongoing lockdown is seen to take a toll on the finances of the state-run discoms which are finding it difficult to continue meter reading exercises and collect payments from consumers. To make matters worse for discoms, their revenues are seen to decrease on account of lower usage by high paying consumers such as the railways, industrial and commercial users. Though the household sector consumes more than a third of electricity supplies, it is cross-subsidised by industrial and commercial users of electricity. Tariffs on domestic consumers is on an average around 40% lower than that for industrial users of power.

<https://www.financialexpress.com/economy>

## Power Ministry proposes waiver to power plants from advance freight, coal payments

The power ministry has asked the coal and railways ministries to exempt power plants from advance coal and freight payments for three months, in order to avoid electricity supply disruptions amid Corona virus pandemic.

A senior ministry official said the short-term dispensation was requested by private power companies that constitute 35% of Indian electricity generation base as they cited cash crunch due to non-payment by discoms. State and central generating companies including NTPC also face the problems but the power ministry on Friday directed them to supply electricity to even defaulting state electricity distribution companies through a three-month moratorium.

The official said power minister R K Singh has written to coal minister Pralhad Joshi and railways minister Piyush Goyal seeking the exemption for three months to maintain electricity supply as the country remains in lockdown till April 14. The Reserve Bank has allowed financial institutions to give a moratorium of three months on repayment of loans, however Covid-19 poses a challenge in terms of recovery of dues from state electricity distribution companies.

According to the Praapti portal of the Union power ministry, the outstanding amount of discoms stands at Rs 86,931 crore, of which Rs 76,063 crore is overdue.

Meanwhile, Coal India recorded highest daily production

of 3.54 million tonnes on March 27, with its arm South Eastern Coalfields contributing one million tonne. Another arm Northern Coalfields Ltd achieved coal production target of 106.25 million tonnes days ahead of fiscal completion. Due to high output and lower demand from industries, coal stocks have piled over 107 million tonnes, an all-time high.

Senior government official said that the coal companies have already extended relief to consumers and state and central power generating companies are being supplied coal without advanced payments. The company has been giving more time to consumers for payments under spot auctions and lifting of coal.

Based on requests from non-power consumers, CIL has asked Indian Railways to defer coal loading of rakes for non-power consumers who do not have their own unloading systems inside their plants or have to unload rakes at other sidings.

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy>

## How the pandemic wiped out oil demand around the world

With more than two-thirds of the world's population in lockdown, no one is driving, flying or doing much, which led to slump in demand for crude oil.

The ramifications for the oil market are huge, with refiners, producers and even petrostates all facing uncertain futures. The most immediate set of data from America starkly illustrated the impact. On Wednesday, the US Energy Information Administration reported US drivers consumed the least gasoline for at least 30 years, as normal life ground to a halt.

Demand for crude could fall by 27 million barrels a day this month, according to Rystad Energy AS, while Trafigura Group estimates the current hit to consumption is around 35 million barrels a day.

Against this backdrop, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies held a virtual meeting to try and hammer out an agreement to curb supply and prevent the world drowning in unwanted crude.

Crude demand in the world's third-biggest consumer has collapsed by as much as 70% as India endures the planet's largest national lockdown, according to officials at the country's refiners. Consumption for the entire month could average about 50% below last year's levels but that's based on India's three-week lockdown ending on April 15 as planned, according to the officials. That's 3.1 million barrels a day of lost oil demand, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

<https://energy.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/oil-and-gas>



## Loyalty insurance cushions firm's loss



The Supreme Court has asked Oriental Insurance to pay ₹3.5 crore to National Bulk Handling Corporation, which suffered by a fraud committed by its employees. The corporation had taken a fidelity guarantee insurance. The policy covers fraud, theft, and other offences committed by the employees of a firm or institution. The insurance under it is for honesty, against negligence or for being faithful and loyal to its employers. The protection afforded is different from normal insurance policies. In this case, the corporation was a collateral management company, which undertook store commodities pledged by farmers, traders and manufacturers to get loans from banks. The claim arose when 601 barrels of mentha oil stored in a godown in Udhampur was found substituted with water. The corporation claimed compensation under the fidelity policy alleging that its employees were involved in the fraud. The corporation had also filed a police complaint. The insurer, however, argued that there was no evidence to prove that the employees committed the offence as the seals were intact. The court rejected the appeal and ruled that the policy covered employees' fraud.

## Compensation rises with each appeal



Assessing loss suffered by a victim of road accident is difficult for judges, but it would seem that with each appeal, the compensation goes up. In *Kajal vs Jagdish Kumar*, a 12-year-old schoolgirl was rendered 100 per cent disabled for life when a truck hit the motor vehicle in which she was travelling. The motor accident compensation tribunal awarded her ₹11 lakh. On appeal before the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the amount was raised to ₹25.78 lakh. On further appeal, the Supreme Court found that the courts below had erred in calculating the compensation on several counts and it was not "just and fair", which was the principle prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Act. The court raised the compensation to ₹62.27 lakh. The court ordered that the amount should be deposited in a fixed account in a public sector bank until she attains majority. The interest could be used to pay attendants and medical expenses.

## Damages for death while on duty



The Supreme Court has extended the meaning of the phrase "arising out of employment" to the benefit of employees claiming damages under the Employee's Compensation Act. The Act provides for compensation for death or injuries occurring in the course of employment. The employees are insured under the Act, as in this case, *Poonam Devi vs Oriental Insurance Co.* The death, in this case, was of the driver of a truck who went to the River Yamuna to get water while driving from Ambala to Meerut in 42 degrees C. He fell into the river and drowned.

## Rly officials judges in their own cause



The Calcutta High Court has set aside an arbitration award delivered by the railway tribunal in which the presiding arbitrator and his two co-arbitrators were officials of Eastern Railway. The court stated that they decided the issues in a "unilateral manner", gave no reasons for some of their conclusions, and there was a violation of public policy. "There is not an iota of evidence in the discussion that the tribunal made the slightest attempt to adjudicate on the rights of the parties starting from the legality of the termination," the judgment remarked. In this case, *BBR Construction Co vs Union of India*, a project to link some towns of Jharkhand with those in West Bengal was awarded to the contractor. The contract was terminated on the ground of delay leading to the arbitration. The court found that there were "obvious discrepancies" in calculating the liabilities and unjustifiable deductions.

## ONGC struggles to get customs refund



Though the Supreme Court has denounced the practice of government and its companies fighting legal battles in courts, there is yet another judgment from the Gujarat High Court deciding a customs dispute between ONGC and the central government. ONGC imported certain equipment from Russia for exploration of hydrocarbon and Customs duty was paid in 1986. There was an excess payment of around ₹22 crore, which was admittedly due. But the Kandla port authorities prevaricated on the refund, one main argument being that ONGC had not passed on the benefit to "consumers". The court rejected this defence stating that there were no consumers in this case and the demand should be "deprecated, quashed and set aside". It gave the authorities 30 days to calculate the dues with interest, after hearing ONGC. The court rejected the prayer of the authorities to grant more time to pay as there was already "inordinate delay" in the matter.

The commissioner under the Act granted the heirs ₹4.45 lakh. The insurer appealed to the Punjab and Haryana High Court. It ruled against the heirs holding that though the death occurred during the course of employment, it did not arise out of the employment. The law says compensation must be paid if the death occurred "arising out of and in the course of his employment". The heirs appealed to the Supreme Court and won. It said that "a truck driver who would not keep himself fresh to drive in such heat would be a potential danger to others on the road by reason of any bona fide errors of judgement by reason of the heat". So the death was in the course of employment.

## Liability of insurance company extended



The collapse of a building because of excavation carried out in the adjacent plot will be covered under general insurance, though it may not be explicitly excluded in the policy document. If there is ambiguity in the terms of the policy, they should be interpreted in a way beneficial to the insured, the Supreme Court stated in its judgment, *Sangrur Sales Corporation vs United India Insurance*. In this case, a sanitaryware showroom collapsed as a result of the work of excavation carried out in an adjacent plot. The owner reported the incident to the police and then approached the insurance company. It repudiated the claim. The owner moved the district consumer forum, which directed the company to pay ₹18 lakh with interest. That order was upheld by the Punjab state consumer commission. However, the National Consumer Commission ruled that the policy did not cover damage caused by activities in the neighbourhood. Allowing the appeal of the owner, the court stated that damage from a third party was also covered by the standard policy. The court cited its 2004 judgment, in which the same insurer raised the same argument in an identical case and lost.

## Leniency for mistakes in IT returns



An assessee who makes a bona fide mistake while filing returns should not face penal action on a “mechanical application” of Section 143(1-A) of the Income Tax Act, the Supreme Court declared in its judgment in *Rajasthan Electricity Board vs Dy Commissioner*. That provision can be invoked only when it is found on facts that the smaller amount stated in the return was a result of an attempt to evade tax. In this appeal, the board claimed 100 per cent depreciation according to the old rule, while the new rule allowed only 75 per cent. The revenue authorities demanded additional tax in view of the lower figure quoted. The board challenged the demand in the Rajasthan High Court, but it was rejected by a division bench. On appeal, the Supreme Court set aside the high court judgment and quashed the demand. The court stated that it was because of bona fide mistake and oversight that the assessee claimed 100 per cent depreciation, instead of 75 per cent. The burden of proof is on the revenue authorities to show that the assessee attempted to evade tax. It may be discharged by them by establishing facts and circumstances from which a reasonable inference can be drawn that the assessee has, in fact, tried to evade tax. “While interpreting tax law, the consequences and hardship are not looked into but the purpose and object by which taxing statutes have been enacted cannot be lost sight of,” the judgment emphasised.



## Jurisdiction in arbitration appeals



The question of choosing the court where an appeal against an arbitration award is to be filed came up again in the Supreme Court and it shifted the case from Faridabad in Haryana to the Delhi High Court. In this appeal, *Hindustan Construction vs NHPC*, the commercial special court in Faridabad decided that the seat of adjudication is Faridabad. According to the contract, Delhi, as well as Faridabad courts, would have jurisdiction as the contract was executed between the parties at Faridabad, and part of the cause of action arose there, and the Faridabad court was invoked first. Section 42 of the Arbitration and Conciliation is meant to avoid conflicts in the jurisdiction of courts by placing the supervisory jurisdiction over all arbitral proceedings in connection with the arbitration in one court exclusively. If the agreement is clear on the jurisdiction of the court, there is no problem. But conflict arises when the contract is vague on the seat or venue of the arbitration and the cause of action arise in several states. In this case, though the Faridabad court was invoked first, the Supreme Court, citing its 2019 judgment involving NHPC again, ruled that the Delhi High Court will hear the appeal.

## Disney gets copyright protection



The Delhi High Court has restrained more than 130 websites from infringing the copyright of Disney Enterprises, which complained of illegal and unauthorised distribution, broadcasting, rebroadcasting, and streaming of its motion pictures. The global entertainment company has also added ISPs of these websites and the Department of Telecommunications as parties to the injunction suit requiring them to disable access to the websites. The company engaged an investigative agency and found that these “rogue websites”, according to it, were facilitating the use of their websites to download and stream original films, television programmes and audio-visual content. It also alleged these websites are primarily engaged in making available contents from entertainment giants like Paramount Pictures Corporation, Columbia Pictures, Universal City Studios, and Netflix Entertainment Services India. This was an infringement of copyright. The high court passed injunction stating that Disney has established prima case of infringement of copyright and it would suffer irreparable damage if this activity was not stopped. It listed tests to find out whether they are “rogue” websites. The websites named have to pay the costs of litigation to Disney.

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT**

The Epidemic Diseases ACT, 1897 - The Telangana Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020 - Issued.

**HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(D) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.13**

**Dated:21.03.2020.**

**Read:**

The Epidemic Diseases ACT, 1897, Act No. 3 of 1897.

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**ORDER:**

The following notification shall be published in the Telangana Gazette, Dated:21.03.2020.

**NOTIFICATION**

Whereas the State Government is satisfied that the State of Telangana is threatened with spread of Covid-19 Virus, which has already been declared as pandemic by World Health Organization, and it is therefore necessary to take certain measures and empower certain officers of the State Government to take all such measures as may be necessary to contain spread of said virus.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases ACT, 1897, the Government of Telangana frame the following regulations to prevent the spread of Covid-19 Virus, in the State of Telangana.

1. These regulations may be called 'The Telangana Epidemic Diseases (COVID-19) Regulations, 2020.
2. These Regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication of this Notification.
3. "COVID-19" means, for the purpose of these regulations, the Corona virus Disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Corona virus 2 (SARS CoV 2) as defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) / Government of India.
4. The Director of Public Health (DPH), the Director of Medical Education, the Commissioner TVVP, all the District Collectors, Commissioner of Police, District Superintendent of Police and all the Municipal Commissioners of Corporations in the state are hereby empowered to take such measures as may be necessary to prevent the outbreak of COVID-19 or the spread thereof within their respective jurisdictions.

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5. All hospitals, Government and Private, shall provide COVID-19 corners for screening of suspected cases of COVID-19, as and when so required by any of the authorities specified in regulation 4 above.
6. The hospitals, Government and Private, directed under regulation 5 above, during screening of such cases shall record the history of travel of the person to any country or area where COVID-19 has been reported. In addition, the history of contacts of the suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 also shall be recorded.
7. Every person who has history of travel to affected areas in last 14 days and who is asymptomatic, must remain in home quarantine for 14 days from the day of exposure. He/ she must abide by the Home Quarantine Guidelines issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India meticulously. Persons who do not observe the Home Quarantine Guidelines shall be quarantined in the quarantine facilities set up by Government.
8. Every person with travel history and symptoms as per case definition of COVID-19, shall be required to be isolated in a hospital as per protocol and tested for COVID-19 as per protocol.
9. Information of all such cases must be immediately sent to State Integrated Disease Surveillance Unit and Collector of the district/ local Municipal Commissioner by the head or person in management of the hospital.
10. No person/ Institution/ organization shall use any print or electronic or social media for dissemination of any information regarding COVID-19 without ascertaining the facts and prior clearance of the DMET, DPH, DHS or Collector as the case may be. This is necessary to avoid spread of any unauthenticated information and/or rumours regarding COVID-19. If any person/ Institution/ organization is found indulging in such activity, it will be treated as a punishable offence under these Regulations.
11. The private health care institutions intending to test COVID-19 must notify State IDSP unit. The State IDSP unit shall arrange monitoring and testing strictly as per the guidelines issued by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi.

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12. Any person with a history of travel in last 14 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported, must voluntarily report to State Control Room (040-24651119)/ Toll Free number 104 so that necessary measures can be initiated by DPHFW, DME, Commissioner TVVP and the Collector/ Municipal Commissioner, as the case may be.
13. The authorities empowered under regulation 4 above are authorized to isolate and /or, admit into an identified hospital, any person who develops symptoms simulating that of the COVID 19 infection as per the case definition criteria published by WHO or Government of India from time to time. The empowered officer may initiate action under the section 188 of Indian Penal Code (48 of 1860) against the person who refuses to comply with such advice of isolation and/or admission.
14. In the event of threat of spread of COVID-19 being apprehended in a defined geographic area such as village, town, ward, colony, settlement, the Collector of the concerned district, or the Municipal Commissioner of the concerned Municipal Corporation area, as the case may be, shall be competent to implement following containment measures, but not limited to these, in order to prevent spread of the disease in such defined geographic area.
  - i. Barring entry and exit of population from the containment area.
  - ii. Closure of schools, offices, cinema halls, swimming pools, gyms, other public places, etc. and banning mass congregations, functions as may be deemed necessary.
  - iii. Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases.
  - iv. Hospital isolation of all suspected cases and their contacts.
  - v. Designating any Government or Private Building as a quarantine facility.
  - vi. Any other measure as directed by Health & Family Welfare Department.
15. Staff of all Government Departments and Organisations of the concerned area shall be at the disposal of Collector/ Municipal Commissioner of Corporation for discharging the duty of containment measures. If required, Collector/ Municipal Commissioner of Corporation may requisition the services of any other person also.

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16. Any person, institution, organization violating any provision of these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). The empowered officers may penalize any person, institution, organization found violating provisions of these Regulations or any further orders issued by Government under these Regulations.
17. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these Regulations.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)**

**SOMESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery & Stores purchases (Printing wing Dept., Hyderabad (with a request to publish the notification in the extraordinary issue of Telangana State Gazette and Supply 600 copies)

The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad.

The Director General of Police.

The Director of Municipal Administration.

The Director of Ayush, Hyderabad.

The Director of Medical Education, Hyderabad

The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, Hyderabad

The Commissioner of TVVP, Hyderabad.

All the District Collectors in the State.

The Commissioners of Police in the State.

All Superintendents of Police in the State.

All the Departments in the Secretariat.

All HODs in the State.

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*Somesh Kumar*  
**SECTION OFFICER**

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897- LOCKDOWN – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.45

Dated:22.03.2020

Read the following:

1. The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897
2. The Disaster Management Act, 2005
3. G.O.Rt.No.4, Revenue (D.M-II) Dept. Dated.14.03.2020
4. G.O.Rt.No.6, Revenue (D.M-II) Dept. Dated.19.03.2020
5. G.O.Ms.No.13, HM&FW (D) Dept. Dated.21.03.2020

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Whereas the State Government is satisfied that the State of Telangana is threatened with the spread of Covid-19, which has already been declared as a pandemic by World Health Organization, and it is therefore necessary to take certain further emergency measures to prevent and contain the spread of virus. The Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 of the The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, read with all other enabling provisions of the The Disaster Management Act, 2005, hereby notify lockdown in the entire State of Telangana with immediate effect till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020, prescribing the following regulations and measures during the said period:

1. All state borders shall be sealed other than for movement of essential and perishable commodities.
2. All public transport services including TSRTC buses, SETWIN, Hyderabad Metro, taxis, auto-rickshaws etc. will not be permitted. However, transport of passengers for accessing emergency medical services shall be permitted. Plying of private vehicles shall be restricted only to the extent of procuring essential commodities and activities permitted under this order.
3. Operation of all interstate bus and transport services including those by private operators shall stand suspended.
4. Every person who is required to observe home quarantine shall strictly observe the same failing which he/she will be liable for penal action and shifted to government quarantine.
5. Residents shall stay at home and come out only for permitted activities while strictly observing social distancing norms. In any case not more than one person will be permitted excluding the person driving the vehicle.
6. Any congregation of more than 5 persons in public places is prohibited.
7. All shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories, workshops, godowns etc. shall close their operations. However, production and manufacturing units which require continuous process such as pharmaceuticals, API etc. may function. Further, manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities like dal and rice mills, food and related units, dairy units, feed and fodder units etc. will also be permitted to operate.

8. Government offices, shops and establishments permitted to operate during this period shall take steps to ensure social distancing such as through painting of foot marks at distances of 3 feet from each other near check out counters. They shall also ensure proper sanitation in their premises and ensure availability of hand sanitizers/hand washing facilities.
9. The following shops/establishments providing essential goods and services shall be excluded from the above restrictions:
  - a) Banks/ATMs and related activities.
  - b) Print and electronic media
  - c) IT and ITeS, including telecom, postal and internet Services
  - d) Supply chain and transport of essential commodities
  - e) E-Commerce (delivery) of essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipment
  - f) Sale of food items, groceries, milk, bread, fruits, vegetables, eggs, meat, fish and their transportation and warehousing activities
  - g) Take-away/ home delivery at restaurants
  - h) Hospitals, optical stores, diagnostic centres, pharmaceuticals manufacturing and their transportation
  - i) Petrol pumps, LPG gas, oil agencies, their godowns and their related transport operations.
  - j) All security services including those provided by private agencies.
  - k) Private establishments that support the provisioning of essential services or the efforts for containment of COVID-19
  - l) Airports and related services
10. The following Departments/Offices of the State Government shall be fully functional: -
  - a) District Collectorate/Divisional offices/Mandal Offices
  - b) Police
  - c) Health
  - d) Urban Local Bodies/Panchayatraj institutions
  - e) Fire
  - f) Taxation, Excise, Commercial Tax, Transport, Stamps and Registration
  - g) Electricity and water supply
  - h) Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Agricultural Marketing
  - i) Civil Supplies
  - j) Regulatory departments like Pollution Control Board, Legal Metrology, Drug Control Administration etc
  - k) All Central Government departments related to the above.



11. For the functioning of other Government offices separate order will be issued by the Chief Secretary.
12. In view of the hardships due to lockdown, all 87.59 lakhs food security cardholders in the state would be given 12 kg of rice per person amounting 3.58 lakh tonnes at a cost of Rs 1103 Crores.
13. Further all food security card holding families would be given an one time support of Rs.1500/- to meet the expenditure on other essential commodities such as dal, vegetables and salt etc. at an estimated cost of Rs.1314 Crores.
14. All the Government as well as private establishments shall make payments of wages/salaries fully to the workers/employees including those working under contract and outsourcing basis during the lockdown period. Any violation will be viewed seriously and will invite penal action under The Epidemics Disease Act 1897.
15. During the lockdown period, steps will be taken to ensure that there is no disruption in the supply of essential commodities to the people.
16. All Educational institutions and education department activities including spot valuation will be closed till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. All examinations scheduled during this period stand postponed.
17. All Anganwadi Centres shall remain closed till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. Children and pregnant women/lactating mothers will be provided take home ration during this period.
18. All pregnant women who are expected to deliver during the months of March – April 2020 will be listed, monitored and assisted by Medical staff to ensure institutional delivery.
19. All elective surgeries shall be re-scheduled in all private and Government hospitals to enhance the availability of health care facilities to COVID-19 patients.
20. All the Government departments shall take definite measures to ensure that people do not gather or accumulate in large numbers. For example, paddy procurement shall be decentralized to village / gram panchayat level, by opening more procurement centres, by engaging IKP Groups, PACS and Agricultural Marketing Committees. The arrival of paddy to procurement centre shall be regulated by issuing time slot coupons.
21. All the District Collectors, District Superintendents of Police, Commissioners of Police, Municipal Commissioners of Corporations and other competent authorities in respect of the concerned institutions, organizations and establishments are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary measures for enforcement and implementation of the aforesaid regulations and measures.

22. Any person, institution , organization violating any provision of these regulations shall be dealt under the provisions of The Epidemics Diseases Act 1897, The Disaster Management Act 2005, regulations issued vide Ref 5<sup>th</sup> cited and other relevant Acts.
23. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SOMESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Special Chief Secretary to Government  
Health Medical & Family Welfare Department  
The Special Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/HoDs  
The Director General of Police, Telangana, Hyderabad  
All the Collectors & District Magistrates in the State  
All the Commissioners of Police in the State  
All the Superintendents of Police in the State  
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationary & Stores purchases  
(printing wing) (With a request to publish the G.O in the extraordinary  
issue of Telangana State Gazette)  
The Commissioner & E.O Prl Secretary, I&PR Dept.

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897- LOCKDOWN – Further orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.46

Dated:23.03.2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.45, GAD Dated.23.03.2020

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In continuation of lockdown orders in the State of Telangana issued in reference cited above, the following further directions are issued for streamlined implementation of the lockdown:

- i. Not more than one person shall be allowed to move on a two-wheeler and not more than two persons shall be allowed on a four-wheeler.
  - ii. No movement of any persons shall be permitted for any purpose other than accessing emergency medical care during the period from 7.00 PM every evening to 6.00 AM on the following day.
  - iii. No shop/establishment except hospitals and pharmacies will be allowed to operate after 6.30 PM.
  - iv. Residents shall procure essential goods and services from shops and establishments located within a radius of not more than 3 km from their residence.
  - v. Insurance service providers shall be permitted to operate during the lockdown period.
2. The above restrictions shall not apply to employees/persons deployed in the control of COVID 19.
  3. Temporary police check-posts shall be set up at suitable locations to ensure strict compliance with the lockdown orders.
  4. A Committee under Secretary (Agriculture) with the following composition is set up to ensure availability of essential commodities throughout the state and during the period of lockdown:
    - i. Commissioner, Civil Supplies
    - ii. Commissioner, Transport
    - iii. IG of Police, Hyderabad
    - iv. Director, Drugs Control Administration
    - v. Director, Horticulture
    - vi. Director, Marketing
    - vii. Controller, Legal Metrology
    - viii. MD, Dairy Development Cooperative Federation

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SOMESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT



D.O.Lr. No.15/PriSecy/Industries&Commerce/2020,Dated.23-03-2020

Dear *Collectors,*

Sub: Inds. & Comm. Dept – COVID-19 – The Epidemic Disease Act, 1897  
– LOCKDOWN – Closure of Industries – Exemptions to certain  
Industries – Regarding.

Ref: G.O. Ms. No.45 General Administration Department, dt.22-03-2020.

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The attention of all the District Collectors in the State of Telangana is invited to the reference cited, wherein the Government have issued certain orders of Lockdown of the State duly prescribing certain regulations and measures during the said period.

In continuation of the orders issued, the industries included in manufacturing of essential items shown in the Annexure are exempted from Lockdown till further orders.

Further, in item 7 of the G.O.cited, there is mention that production and manufacturing units which require continuous process may function. Such cases are typically seen in Pharmaceutical Industry. However other units that deploy heavy capacity boilers whose abrupt shutting down may impact the Industry itself may be continued with skeleton staff to exhaust the current raw material under process. Some Industries that will fall in these categories may includes Rubber, Glass, Cement, Paints and Fertilizers.

In case District collectors come across Industry category which are not included in the above list of 26 exempted categories and Industries covered in continuous process operation, please bring such cases to my notice urgently for taking further decisions.

In view the above, I request all the District Collectors to issue necessary instructions to the Local Bodies, Officials of Pollution Control Board, Factories and Labour Departments.

With *regards*

Yours Sincerely,  
  
(JAYESH RANJAN)

Enclosed as Above

To  
All District Collectors

**ANNEXURE TO D.O.Lr.No.15/PriSecy/Industries&Commerce/2020,Dt.23-03-2020**  
**LIST OF INDUSTRIES TO BE EXEMPTED FROM LOCKDOWN**  
**IN TELANGANA STATE**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Line of Activity</b>
1	All types of Rice and Oil Mills
2	Dal Mills
3	Dairy Products
4	R.O. and Distilled Water Plants / Package Drinking water
5	Roller Floor Mills
6	Food Products like vermicelli, Biscuits, Fruit Juice/ Pulp
7	Bulk Drugs
8	IV Sets and other medical equipments like suction machines and pipes for Oxygen supply, PPE Gear, Surgical equipments, Gauge and Bandage cloth
9	Pharmaceuticals Formulations and R&D
10	Liquid Soaps, Detergents, phenyl, Floor cleaners
11	Sanitizers
12	Masks and Body suits
13	Paper Napkins
14	Diapers / Sanitary Napkins
15	Oxygen Domestic Gas Cylinders
16	Cold Storages
17	Agro based industries like chilli, Turmeric, Salt, Spices
18	Bakery and Confectioneries
19	Ice Plants
20	Fish Feed, Poultry Feed, Cattle Feed etc.
21	All types of Power Generations including solar
22	Sugar
23	Ayurvedic and Homeopathic medicine manufacturing units
24	Bleaching Powder
25	Packaging Industries
26	Effluent Treatment Plants

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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION DEPARTMENT**

**Memo No.49APC Peshi/2020**

**Dt: 23/03/2020**

**Sub:-** A&C Dept. – COVID-19 – Epidemic Disease Act-1897 – Lock down orders – Issue of further Guidelines under A&C Dept., – Reg.

**Ref:-** 1. G.O.Ms.No.45, GAD, Dt: 22/03/2020, Government of Telangana.  
2. Government of India (Ministry of Civil Supplies) Order No.26(7)/82-FCR, Dt: 24/02/1983.

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Government in the order 1<sup>st</sup> cited have issued instructions that all the state borders shall be sealed other than the movement of essential and perishable commodities with a view to check the spread of COVID-19 which is declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

Further ordered that the production of essential commodities like Dal & Rice Mills, food and related units and also feed and fodder units will be permitted to operate. Further informed that under Essential Commodities Act under Section-2(A) for the purposes of this schedule drugs means

- 1) Fertilizers whether inorganic or organic are mixed,
- 2) Seed or food crops and seeds of fruits and vegetables
- 3) Seeds of cattle fodder and jute seeds.

It is also ordered that Agriculture, Horticulture, Agricultural Marketing departments shall be fully functional, the supply chain and transport of essential commodities, sale of fruit, vegetables and warehousing activities will continue in view of the above, following further guidelines are issued:

**Seeds:**

- The harvesting season of seed crops will start from February to May months across all corps.
- The harvesting, post harvesting, shipment of raw seeds and packing activities of all seed crops is in peak across production states.
- Presently Hybrid Maize, Sorghum, Forge crops, Pearl Millet, Cotton, Pulses, Rice And Groundnut & Vegetable Seeds etc. are in movement from production locations to Hyderabad.
- The seed production is done in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Chattisgarh, Odisha & MP etc and these are interdependent on movement of seeds with Hyderabad for further handling.
- The Seed Storage, Testing, Processing, Grading and Packing, R&D etc facilities at Hyderabad are now in full swing and going on in all processing units.
- More than 70% of the Indian seed requirement is supplied by Telangana, for this March, April, May and June months are very critical to do all back-end process to timely supply to Kharif 2020 season.

- Total 6.21 lakh MT of corn cobs, raw seed of major seed crops are to be shifted to Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana for storage, testing, processing, grading and packing and dispatching to the processing plants.
- Total more than 5 lakh farmers are involved in seed production.
- The allied industry like packing material, seed treatment chemical suppliers and distributors and dealers are also very important in supplying the seeds to all over India.
- All the Seed companies are directed to take all suitable measures and safe guards and see that seeds of all crops handled by the Seed companies are supplied to farmers during coming Kharif season 2020. The companies are further informed that no hoarding of the Seeds shall happen in the State. All the processed and packed seed must be made available to the farmers well before on set of monsoon. The companies are directed to follow the below mentioned essential safeguards.
- There shall be no congregation of more than 5 persons in any processing / storage units while performing their duties a social distance of at least 3 ft shall be maintained from person to person.
- Proper sanitation shall be ensured in all premises where labour/persons/staff are working in seed processing/Storage units.
- Sufficient provision of masks/sanitizers/hand washers shall be made available
- All the seed companies shall make payment of wages /salaries fully to the workers/employees during the lock down period. Use suitable action as per
- The staff and workers working in the seed companies are permitted to move to the extent required for carrying out their job responsibilities. The identity cards issued by the company employing them can be used for ascertaining their identity.
- The vehicles carrying the seeds from the farmers' fields to the processing plants, from one processing plant to other processing plant to the distribution points (C&F agencies) or from distribution points to the retailers are permitted after due inspection based on the accompanying documents which clarify that they are nothing but seeds or the packing materials, leaflets, treating materials etc., required for packing seeds.
- All the seed companies are directed to follow the above mentioned directions/guidelines without any deviation otherwise suitable action as per existing seed laws / Government orders will be taken.

Therefore all the above activities are permitted and Seed dealers shall continue functioning during the lock down period.

#### **Fertilizers:**

- All the stakeholders involved in the Fertilizer Rake operations, i.e., Hamali Unions, Lorry transport Unions, other labour hired for loading unloading operations, H&T agents, Local Contractors etc., shall continue the operations following adequate safety measures to protect from Covid-19.

- All the Fertilizer Dealer shops shall remain open. The buyers shall be advised to maintain 3ft distance while purchasing the stocks.
- The Dealers are to provide hand sanitizers and ensure hand sanitization by the buyers before and after biometric authentication.
- All goods vehicles carrying the Essential Commodities (Seed, Fertilizer & Insecticides)/ services shall be allowed to ply during the lock-down period in the State.
- Fertilizer dealers shall continue functioning.

**Horticulture:**

- An internal monitoring committee is constituted to monitor arrivals and prices of vegetables and fruits of both Hyderabad city and Districts in coordination with Agricultural Marketing Department.
- The Department will ensure mobility and arrivals of fresh vegetables and seasonal fruits to local Mandies and Rythu bazaars in coordination with District Administration.
- Daily Assessment of requirement of vegetables in Municipal areas.
- Frequent assessment of present standing crop wise area, production details.
- Future plan for increasing vegetable area under needy crops to overcome the crisis.
- District Horticulture officers are directed to tour vigorously to watch production / arrivals and to prepare plan for future areas and production to avoid transport of vegetables from one area to another area.
- District Horticulture officers to coordinate with concerned Marketing department officers in their districts and if any exorbitant prices of vegetables are noticed they shall bring the same to the notice of District Collector immediately.
- To motivate new farmers for promoting vegetable cultivation within the District for meeting internal consumption rather than bringing from far off places to avoid huge transportation cost.
- All the Municipal corporations and urban agglomerations are being monitored for effective supply management of vegetables duly assigning a Horticulture Officer. All the staff and HOs are allotted to monitor closely the arrivals and rates of designated town.
- Based on the need permits will be issued to the traders for clearance at Check post.
- At GHMC level special team is constituted to monitor arrivals / planning.
- All the teams to send the reports by 4.00 pm everyday in the prescribed proforma.
- APC & Secretary would review the activities / arrivals with the Essential Commodities monitoring team on daily basis.



### **Marketing:**

- The restriction of movement of persons under the G.O, will not apply to Farmers carrying Agriculture Produce to Wholesale Markets, Rythu Bazars, etc, in the State.
- It will also not apply to Traders/Commission Agents doing business in agriculture produce at wholesale markets in the State.
- It will also not apply to Hamalies/Dhadwais, etc, working in Wholesale Markets in the State.
- The Commission Agents/Traders shall provide requisite hand washes and hand sanitizers to all the persons who are working in their shop premises daily.
- The Agricultural Market Committee shall also provide requisite hand washes and hand sanitizers at all the Canteens, Toilet Blocks, Water Points, etc., in the Market Yards, Rythu Bazars.
- Only one person (Farmer) shall be allowed into the Market Yard along with the produce.
- With regard to sale of vegetables and other items in Rythu Bazars, a clear distance of more than a meter has to be maintained between the 2(two) customers for orderly purchase. The Estate Officers of Rythu Bazar shall immediately intimate local Police for sufficient deployment during the peak purchasing period.
- The Estate Officer shall constantly announce the rates as supplied by the Marketing Department through Public Address System.
- For all the purposes the rates of vegetables and fruits, as prevailed on 20-03-2020 or 21-03-2020 shall be taken as basis and no exorbitant hike shall be made against any item by exploiting the Corona Epidemic crisis. The Price as fixed by the District Collectors in this regard is final.
- As the Wholesale Markets are allowed to function under the G.O, they shall function as usual. However the decision of the District Administration in this regard shall be followed.
- The Police, Monitoring the Borders of Inter State, shall allow the movement of vegetables and fruits to Wholesale Markets without any hindrance.
- As far as possible all the transactions in the wholesale AMCs including payment to farmers shall be through online mode only.
- All the Commission Agents and Traders operating in the AMCs and Rythu Bazars (SHGs) shall not hoard any items meant for public purchase and they will be dealt severely for any violations.
- The maintenance of sanitation in the Market Yards/ Rythu Bazars shall be keenly observed. Any negligence in this regard will attract stringent disciplinary action against the Secretary of AMC and Estate Office of Rythu Bazar. The Agreement conditions for the Contractors of cleaning of Garbage shall clearly be implemented for sake of cleanliness. Criminal cases shall be filed against the Contractors for any violations.

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- In case of any Farmer desiring to store his produce in the AMC Godowns for deferred sales such farmers shall be allowed without any charges.

**Warehousing:**

Warehousing corporation acts for purchase, sale, storage and distribution of agricultural produce, seeds, manures, fertilizers, agricultural implements and notified commodities.

Warehousing activities relating to Seeds, Fertilizers, Pesticides, Dal, Rice, Food Related items are permitted to continue and the warehousing corporation shall make payment of wages / salary fully to the workers/employees including those working under contract and outsourcing basis during the lock down period.

- Specific provisions shall be made in all premises for masks / sanitizers / hand wash.
- Social distance of 3 ft shall be maintained.

The above orders take immediate effect and should be adhered to scrupulously.

APC & Secretary to Government.

To,  
The Commissioner & Director of Agriculture, Hyderabad.  
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The Director of Horticulture & Sericulture, Hyderabad.  
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

LET&F Department – COVID-19 – The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 – Notification of LOCKDOWN period from 22.03.2020 to 31.03.2020 – The Telangana Shops and Establishments Act, 1988 – Declaration of paid holiday for the LOCKDOWN period and Restriction of Business hours – Orders – Issued.

LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND FACTORIES (LAB-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 160

Dated: 23-03-2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.13, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (D) Department, Dated: 21.03.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.45, General Administration Department, Dated: 22.03.2020.
3. G.O.Ms.No.14, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (D) Department, Dated:23.03.2020.
4. G.O.Ms.No.46, General Administration Department, Dated: 23.03.2020.
5. From Commissioner of Labour, Hyderabad, Lr.No.J/COVID-19/2020, Dated: 23.03.2020.

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ORDER:-

The following notification shall be published in the extra ordinary issue of Telangana Gazette dated: 23.03.2020.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas in the G.O.Ms.No.13, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (D) Department, Dated: 21.03.2020 and G.O.Ms.No.45, General Administration Department, Dated: 22.03.2020, the Government of Telangana has issued orders notifying LOCKDOWN for the period from 22.03.2020 to 31.03.2020 in the State. As a precautionary measure all shops, commercial establishments, offices, factories, workshops, godowns etc., shall close their operations. However, production and manufacturing units which require continuous process such as pharmaceuticals, API etc. may function. Further, manufacturing units engaged in production of essential commodities like dal and rice mills, food and related units, dairy units, feed and fodder units etc., will also be permitted to operate.

2. Further, in public interest the Government has issued instructions in G.O.Ms.No.14, Health, Medical & Family Welfare (D) Department, Dated: 23.03.2020 has issued guidelines for following social distancing norms by Shops and Establishments.

3. It is also expedient to restrict the business hours of shops (the shops doing the business of essential commodities like dal, rice, food and food related units, dairy etc) and to close them by 6:30 P.M. in Public Interest.

4. However, in the G.O.Ms.No.46, General Administration Department, Dated: 23.03.2020 certain categories of Shops and Establishments were exempted from the restriction of closing time of 6:30 PM.

1. Therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 and sub-section (2) of Section 31 of the Telangana Shops & Establishments Act, 1988, all shops and establishments other than those exempted in the G.O.Ms.No.45, General Administration Department, Dated: 22.03.2020 shall be closed during notified LOCKDOWN period i.e. from 22.03.2020 to 31.03.2020 in public interest and shall be declared as paid holiday for all categories of employees.

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2. And that in exercise of powers conferred under Section 7 of the Telangana Shops and Establishment Act, 1988, the business hours for the shops doing the business of essential commodities mentioned above are restricted upto 6:30 PM in public interest. However, the clause of working hours shall not be applicable to Hospitals, pharmacies, optical stores, diagnostic centres, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing and their transportation.
5. The Commissioner of Labour, Telangana, Hyderabad and the Director of Factories, Telangana, Hyderabad shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To  
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The Commissioner of Labour, Telangana, Hyderabad  
The Director General of Police, Telangana, Hyderabad  
The Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad  
The Director of Ayush, Telangana, Hyderabad  
The Director of Medical Education, Telangana, Hyderabad  
The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, Hyderabad  
The Commissioner, Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, Hyderabad  
The Director of Factories, Telangana, Hyderabad  
All Collector & District Magistrates in the State  
All Superintendents of Police in the State

Copy submitted to:

1. The Special Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister
2. The P.S. to Minister (Labour & Employment)
3. The P.S. to Chief Secretary
4. The Control Committee, G.A.D, T.S. Secretariat, Hyderabad.
5. The P.S. to Secretary, LET & F Department  
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

COVID-19 – The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 – LOCKDOWN – Extension of  
Lockdown period – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (COVID) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.54

Dated:28.03.2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.45, GAD, Dt.22.03.2020
2. From the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dated:24.03.2020.

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**ORDER:**

In view of the orders issued by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, all the COVID-19 control related orders issued vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above and continuation orders issued thereto, that were given effect up to 31.03.2020, is extended up to 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SOMESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
All Special Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Secretaries/HoDs  
The Director General of Police, Telangana, Hyderabad  
All the Collectors & District Magistrates in the State  
All the Commissioners of Police in the State  
All the Superintendents of Police in the State  
The Commissioner & E.O Prl Secretary, I&PR Dept.

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The In-charge of Inter Departmental control room.

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SECTION OFFICER

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (MA.2) DEPARTMENT**

**Memo No. 3870/MA.2/2020-1**

**Dated: 01-04-2020**

Sub: MA&UD - DMA/GHMC - Covid-19 - Property Tax for the Financial Year 2019-2020 - Request for extension of period of paying property tax for a period of (3) months with no additional penalty in all the Urban Local Bodies in the State of Telangana and in GHMC, Hyderabad - Instructions - Issued.

Ref: 1. From the DMA, Telangana, Hyderabad Letter Roc. No. 187491/2020/M1, dated 01-04-2020.  
2. From the Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad Letter No. 245/CTI/CTS/GHMC/2020, dated 28-01-2020 & 30-03-2020.

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The attention of the Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad is invited to the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of lockdown due to Covid-19 and also in relaxation of section 100 (2) of T.S. Municipalities Act, 2019, hereby permit to extend the period for payment of property tax and arrear dues pertaining to the Financial Year 2019-2020, if any, for a period of three months beyond the Financial Year 2019-2020 i.e. upto 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 with no additional penalty for the extended period in all the ULBs in the State of Telangana.

2. The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad is also hereby permit to extend the period for payment of property tax and arrear dues pertaining to the Financial Year 2019-2020, if any, for a period of three months beyond the Financial Year 2019-2020 i.e. upto 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 with no additional penalty for the extended period in the limits of GHMC, Hyderabad in relaxation of section 269 (2) of GHMC Act, 1955.

3. The Director of Municipal Administration, Telangana, Hyderabad / Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

**C. SUDHARSAN REDDY  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
The Director of Municipal Administration,  
Telangana, Hyderabad.  
The Commissioner,  
Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Hyderabad.

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## GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

### ABSTRACT

COVID -19 - Special Instructions for Procurement of Medical, Surgical Equipment and other essential supplies for COVID-19 Relief Operations – Orders – Issued.

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### FINANCE (TFR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 29

Dated: 04-04-2020

Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.20, Information Technology & Communication Department, dated: 6.7.2004.
2. G.O.Ms.No.489, Finance (TFR) Department, dated: 8.12.2008.
3. G.O.Ms.No.248, Finance (TFR) Department, dated: 6.9.2012.
4. G.O.Ms.No.258, Finance (TFR) Department, dated: 20.9.2013.
5. G.O.Ms.No.45, General Administration Department, dated: 22.3.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No.13, Revenue (DM) Department, dated: 30.3.2020.
7. Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Office Memorandum No. F6/18/2019-PPD, dated: 27.3.2020.

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### ORDER:

The rules and provisions governing the procurement of stores and equipment in all Government Departments are prescribed in Article 125 of the T.S. Financial Code, as amended from time to time vide G.Os. 2 to 4 read above. As per these provisions, all procurements of the value above Rs.5 lakhs have to be made through open tenders and all procurements of the value between Rs.1 lakh and Rs.5 lakhs have to be made through the process of limited tenders and in all cases where the procurement is of the value above Rs.1 lakh, the same shall be made through e-procurement mode.

2. The Government in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 read with all other enabling provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, has notified lockdown in the entire State of Telangana with immediate effect till 31st March, 2020. The same



lockdown was further extended till 14.4.2020 prescribing certain regulations and measures to be undertaken during the said period.

3. The prevailing conditions of health emergency would require immediate procurement of certain Diagnostic, Surgical and other medical equipment, Drugs and Pharmaceutical and other essential services and related supplies on priority for undertaking COVID-19 relief operations. Being a national and international health emergency of an unprecedented scale, any delays in procurement would result in loss of lives and hence, there is a paramount public interest in ensuring that the necessary goods and services, supplies are procured in the quickest possible manner and the procurement procedures have to be adapted.

4. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the matter hereby permit relaxation of the provisions of Article 125 of T.S. Financial Code and related further government orders on the subject in respect of procurement of certain Diagnostic, Surgical and other medical equipment, Drugs and Pharmaceutical and other essential services and related supplies on priority for undertaking COVID-19 relief operations, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The procurement may in the first instance, be made either from suppliers who are already empanelled on Rate Contract or through Government e-Market place (GEM), if the same meets the required time lines and quantities.
- ii. If the procurement from a supplier is not possible under (i) above, the same may be undertaken from any other source, either at the Rate-Contract or GEM rates, or at rates which are deemed to be reasonable by the Medical and Health Department, duly recording the non-feasibility of procurement under (i) above and reasonableness.
- iii. Procurement may simultaneously be undertaken from more than one source, if the entire quantity required is not feasible from a single source. In such cases, the rates of the goods and services may also be different for different sources.
- iv. Procurement from a single source may be resorted to, if in the Medical and Health Departments' assessment only that particular firm is the manufacturer of the required goods and services due to reasons of availability and timely supplies in the prevailing emergency conditions.

- v. The terms 'essential supplies' will include any items as deemed appropriate by the department, to be essential supplies that are necessary for COVID-19 relief operations and the same has to be recorded.
  - vi. The competent authority for making the procurements shall duly record the reasons for invoking the special relaxations permitted under this order in respect of such procurement.
6. The relaxations in this order shall be applicable to all procurements made by the HM&FW Department for COVID-19 relief operations.
7. The relaxations permitted under this order shall be in force w.e.f. 14.3.2020 and up to 31.05.2020 or such other date as may be prescribed by the Government through subsequent orders.
8. The Special Chief Secretary, HM&FW Department shall take necessary further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

SOMESH KUMAR,  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To  
The Special Chief Secretary,  
HM&FW Department, TS Secretariat, Hyderabad.  
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad.  
The Director of Works and Accounts, Hyderabad.  
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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General Administration (Covid) Department.  
Finance (EBS.VII) Department  
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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT**

COVID-19 – The Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 – Lockdown – Extension of Lockdown period  
– Orders – Issued.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (COVID) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Ms.No.57**

**Dated: 12-04-2020**

**Read the following:**

1. G.O.Ms.No.45, GAD, Dated:22.03.2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.54, Genl.Admn.(Covid) Dept., dt:28.03.2020.

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**ORDER:**

In continuation of the orders issued in the G.O. 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, all the COVID-19 control related orders issued in the G.O.1<sup>st</sup> read above and continuation orders issued thereto that were given effect upto 14.04.2020, is extended upto 30.04.2020.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)**

**SOMESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
All the Special Chief Secretaries / Prl.Secretaries / Secretaries to the Government  
All the Heads of Department  
The Director General of Police, T.S., Hyderabad  
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All Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of Police, in the State  
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नोट : कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि योजना, 1952, भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3, उप-खंड (i) में संख्या का.नि.आ. 1509, दिनांक 2 सितंबर, 1952 द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई थी और संख्या सा.का.नि. 284(अ) दिनांक 4 अप्रैल, 2019 द्वारा अंतिम बार संशोधित किया गया था।

## MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 27th March, 2020

**G.S.R. 225(E).**—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 read with sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (19 of 1952), the Central Government hereby makes the following Scheme further to amend the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, namely:—

- (1) This Scheme may be called the Employees' Provident Funds (Amendment) Scheme, 2020.
- (2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, in paragraph 68L, after sub-paragraph (2), the following sub-paragraph shall be inserted, namely:—

“(3) The Commissioner or, where so authorised by the Commissioner, any officer subordinate to him, may, on an application from any member of this Scheme employed in any establishment or factory located in an area declared as affected by outbreak of any epidemic or pandemic by the appropriate Government, permit a non-refundable advance from the provident fund account of such member not exceeding the basic wages and dearness allowances of that member for three months or up to seventy-five per cent. of the amount standing to his credit in the Fund, whichever is less.”.

[F. No. S-35012/01/2020-SS-II(Pt.)]

R. K. GUPTA, Jt. Secy.

**Note :** The Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952 was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i) *vide* number S.R.O. 1509, dated the 2nd September, 1952 and was last amended *vide* number G.S.R. 284(E), dated the 4th April, 2019.

**CBEC-20/06/04-2020 -GST**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Finance**  
**Department of Revenue**  
**Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs**  
**GST Policy Wing**

New Delhi, dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020

To

The Principal Chief Commissioners / Chief Commissioners / Principal Commissioners /  
Commissioners of Central Tax (All)  
The Principal Director Generals / Director Generals (All)

Madam/Sir,

**Subject: Clarification in respect of various measures announced by the Government for providing relief to the taxpayers in view of spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) - Reg.**

The spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) across many countries of the world, including India, has caused immense loss to the lives of people and resultantly impacted the trade and industry. In view of the emergent situation and challenges faced by taxpayers in meeting the compliance requirements under various provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "CGST Act"), Government has announced various relief measures relating to statutory and regulatory compliance matters across sectors.

2. Government has issued following notifications in order to provide relief to the taxpayers:

S. No.	Notification	Remarks
1.	Notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020	Amendment in the CGST Rules so as to allow taxpayers opting for the Composition Scheme for the financial year 2020-21 to file their option in <b>FORM CMP-02</b> till 30 <sup>th</sup> June, 2020 and to allow cumulative application of the condition in rule 36(4) for the months of February, 2020 to August, 2020 in the return for tax period of September, 2020.
2.	Notification No. 31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020	A lower rate of interest of NIL for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in FORM GSTR-3B and @ 9% thereafter is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover above Rs. 5 Crore and NIL rate of interest is notified for those registered persons having aggregate turnover below Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020. This lower rate of interest shall be subject to condition that due tax is paid by filing return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.

**Circular No. 136/06/2020-GST**

3.	Notification No. 32/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> for the tax periods of February, 2020 to April, 2020 provided the return in FORM GSTR-3B by the date as specified in the Notification.
4.	Notification No. 33/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020	Notification under section 128 of CGST Act for waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing the statement of outward supplies in <b>FORM GSTR-1</b> for taxpayers for the tax periods March, 2020 to May, 2020 and for quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 if the same are furnished on or before 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.
5.	Notification No. 34/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020	Extension of due date of furnishing statement, containing the details of payment of self-assessed tax in <b>FORM GST CMP-08</b> for the quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020 till the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020 and filing <b>FORM GSTR-4</b> for the financial year ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020 till the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.
6.	Notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020	Notification under section 168A of CGST Act for extending due date of compliance which falls during the period from the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 to the 29 <sup>th</sup> day of June, to 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

3. Various issues relating to above mentioned notifications have been examined. In order to ensure uniformity in the implementation of the provisions of the law across the field formations, the Board, in exercise of its powers conferred under section 168(1) of the CGST Act hereby clarifies each of these issues as under:-

S. No.	Issue	Clarification
1.	<b>What are the measures that have been specifically taken for taxpayers who have opted to pay tax under section 10 the CGST Act or those availing the option to pay tax under the notification No. 02/2019- Central Tax (Rate), dated the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019?</b>	<p>1. The said class of taxpayers, as per the notification No. 34/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, have been allowed, to,-</p> <p>(i) furnish the statement of details of payment of self-assessed tax in <b>FORM GST CMP-08</b> for the <u>quarter January to March, 2020</u> by 07.07.2020; and</p> <p>(ii) furnish the return in <b>FORM GSTR-4</b> for the <u>financial year 2019-20</u> by 15.07.2020.</p> <p>2. In addition to the above, taxpayers opting for the composition scheme <u>for the financial year 2020-21</u>, have been allowed, as per the notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, to,-</p> <p>(i) file an intimation in <b>FORM GST CMP-02</b> by 30.06.2020; and</p> <p>(ii) furnish the statement in <b>FORM GST ITC-03</b> till 31.07.2020.</p>
2.	<b>Whether due date of furnishing FORM GSTR-3B for the months of February, March and April, 2020 has been extended ?</b>	<p>1. The due dates for furnishing <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> for the months of February, March and April, 2020 <u>has not been extended</u> through any of the notifications referred in para 2 above.</p> <p>2. However, as per notification No. 31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, NIL rate of interest for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> and <u>reduced</u></p>

		<p>rate of interest @ 9% thereafter has been notified for those registered persons whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is above Rs. 5 Crore. For those registered persons having turnover up to Rs. 5 Crore in the preceding financial year, NIL rate of interest has also been notified.</p> <p>3. Further, vide notification as per the notification No. 32/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, Government has waived the late fees for delay in furnishing the return in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> for the months of February, March and April, 2020.</p> <p>4. The lower rate of interest and waiver of late fee would be available only if due tax is paid by filing return in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> by the date(s) as specified in the Notification.</p>																				
3.	<p><b>What are the conditions attached for availing the reduced rate of interest for the months of February, March and April, 2020, for a registered person whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year is above Rs. 5 Crore?</b></p>	<p>1. As clarified at sl.no. (2) above, the due date for furnishing the return remains unchanged; i.e. 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month succeeding such month. The rate of interest has been notified as Nil for first 15 days from the due date, and 9 per cent per annum thereafter, for the said months.</p> <p>2. The reduced rate of interest is subject to the condition that the registered person <b>must furnish the returns in FORM GSTR-3B on or before 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.</b></p> <p>3. In case the returns in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> for the said months are not furnished on or before 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 then interest at 18% per annum shall be payable from the due date of return, till the date on which the return is filed. In addition, regular late fee shall also be leviable for such delay along with liability for penalty.</p>																				
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5.	What are the conditions attached for availing the NIL rate of interest for the months of February, March and April, 2020, for a registered person whose aggregate turnover in preceding financial year is up to Rs. 5 Crore?	<p>1. As clarified at sl.no. (2) above, the due date for furnishing the return remains unchanged. The rate of interest has been notified as Nil for the said months.</p> <p>2. The conditions for availing the NIL rate of interest is that the registered person must furnish the returns in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> on or before the date as mentioned in the notification No. 31/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020.</p> <p>3. In case the return for the said months are not furnished on or before the date mentioned in the notification then <b>interest at 18% per annum shall be charged from the due date of return, till the date on which the return is filed</b> as explained in the illustration at sl.no (4) above, against entry 5. In addition, regular late fee shall also be leviable for such delay along with liability for penalty.</p>				
6.	Whether the due date of furnishing the statement of outward supplies in FORM GSTR-1 under section 37 has been extended for the months of February, March and April 2020?	Under the provisions of section 128 of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 33/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, late fee leviable under section 47 has been waived for delay in furnishing the statement of outward supplies in <b>FORM GSTR-1</b> under Section 37, for the tax periods March, 2020, April 2020, May, 2020 and quarter ending 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020 if the same are furnished on or before the 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.				
7.	Whether restriction under rule 36(4) of the CGST Rules would apply during the lockdown period?	Vide notification No. 30/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, a proviso has been inserted in CGST Rules 2017 to provide that the said condition shall not apply to input tax credit availed by the registered persons in the returns in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> for the months of February, March, April, May, June, July and August, 2020, but that the said condition shall apply cumulatively for the said period and that the return in <b>FORM GSTR-3B</b> for the tax period of September, 2020 shall be furnished with cumulative adjustment of input tax credit for the said months in accordance with the condition under rule 36(4).				
8.	What will be the status of e-way bills which have expired	In terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, Issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, where the validity of an e-way bill generated under rule				



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	<b>during the lockdown period?</b>	138 of the CGST Rules <b>expires during the period 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020</b> , the validity period of such e-way bill has been extended till the <b>30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020</b> .
9.	<b>What are the measures that have been specifically taken for taxpayers who are required to deduct tax at source under section 51, Input Service Distributors and Non-resident Taxable persons?</b>	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the respective returns specified in sub-sections (3), (4) and (5) of section 39 of the said Act, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.
10.	<b>What are the measures that have been specifically taken for taxpayers who are required to collect tax at source under section 52?</b>	Under the provisions of section 168A of the CGST Act, in terms of notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, the said class of taxpayers have been allowed to furnish the statement specified in section 52, for the months of March, 2020 to May, 2020 on or before the 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.
11.	<b>The time limit for compliance of some of the provisions of the CGST Act is falling during the lock-down period announced by the Government. What should the taxpayer do?</b>	Vide notification No. 35/2020- Central Tax, dated 03.04.2020, issued under the provisions of 168A of the CGST Act, except for few provisions covered in exclusion clause, any time limit for completion or compliance of any action which falls during the period from the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 to the 29 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, and where completion or compliance of such action has not been made within such time, has been extended to 30 <sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

4. It is requested that suitable trade notices may be issued to publicize the contents of this circular.
5. Difficulty, if any, in the implementation of the above instructions may please be brought to the notice of the Board. Hindi version would follow.

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No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR  
भारत सरकार / Government of India  
नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)  
ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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Dated: 20.03.2020

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Time Extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of RE Projects considering disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country as Force Majeure (FM) event - reg.**

(1). The Government of India, vide O.M. No. 18/4/2020-PPD dated 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 (copy enclosed) from Procurement Policy Division, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, has clarified that the disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country should be considered as a case of natural calamity and Force Majeure Clause (FMC) may be invoked, wherever considered appropriate, following the due procedure.

(2). This Ministry, by way of various representations as well as discussion during various meetings with Renewable Energy (RE) Developers and RE associations, has been receiving requests for considering disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country as Force Majeure (FM) event for grant of appropriate time-extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of RE projects as per Force Majeure Clause in concerned contractual agreements.

(3). This issue has been examined in the Ministry and in line with the above referred O.M. dated 19.02.2020 of Government of India, it has been decided that:

(a) All Renewable Energy implementing agencies of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) are hereby directed to treat delay on account of disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country, as Force Majeure.

(b) The Renewable Energy implementing agencies may grant suitable extension of time for projects, on account of coronavirus, based on evidences / documents produced by developers in support of their respective claims of such disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country.

(c) Further, all project developers claiming aforesaid disruption and desirous of time extensions, shall make a formal application to SECI/ NTPC/ other implementing agencies, giving all documentary evidence(s) in support of their claim. SECI/ NTPC/ Implementing agencies shall examine the claim objectively and grant appropriate Extension of Time (EoT) based on facts. While considering the requests for grant of extension of time on account of disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country, SECI/NTPC/any other implementing agency may fully satisfy itself that the claimants were actually affected due to disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country in the period for which extension of time has been claimed. The

implementing agencies shall also ensure that no double relief is granted due to overlapping periods of time extension granted for reasons eligible for such relief.

(d) The State Renewable Energy Departments (including agencies under Power/ Energy Departments of States, but dealing in renewable energy) are also requested to treat delay on account of disruption of the supply chains due to spread of coronavirus in China or any other country, as Force Majeure and issue their own instructions on the subject.

(4). This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) (NRE & Power).



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Copy to:

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2. Sr. PPS to Secretary, MNRE
3. JS (AKS)/ JS (BPY) / JS (DDJ)/ JS&FA
4. All Group Heads and Division Heads in MNRE
5. MNRE website for dissemination of information

No.F.18/4/2020-PPD  
Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Expenditure  
Procurement Policy Division  
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Room No.512, Lok Nayak Bhavan,  
New Delhi dated the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Force Majeure Clause (FMC)**

Attention is invited to para 9.7.7 of the "Manual for Procurement of Goods, 2017" issued by this Department, which is reproduced as under:

*A Force Majeure (FM) means extraordinary events or circumstance beyond human control such as an event described as an act of God (like **anatural calamity**) or events such as a war, strike, riots, crimes (but not including negligence or wrong-doing, predictable/ seasonal rain and any other events specifically excluded in the clause). An FM clause in the contract frees both parties from contractual liability or obligation when prevented by such events from fulfilling their obligations under the contract. An FM clause does not excuse a party's non-performance entirely, but only suspends it for the duration of the FM. The firm has to give notice of FM as soon as it occurs and it cannot be claimed ex-post facto. There may be a FM situation affecting the purchase organisation only. In such a situation, the purchase organisation is to communicate with the supplier along similar lines as above for further necessary action. If the performance in whole or in part or any obligation under this contract is prevented or delayed by any reason of FM for a period exceeding 90 (Ninety) days, either party may at its option terminate the contract without any financial repercussion on either side.*

2. A doubt has arisen if the disruption of the supply chains due to spread of corona virus in China or any other country will be covered in the Force Majeure Clause (FMC). In this regard it is clarified that it should be considered as a case of natural calamity and FMC may be invoked, wherever considered appropriate, following the due procedure as above.

  
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To,

Secretaries of all Central Government Ministries/ Departments



**EMPLOYEES' STATE INSURANCE CORPORATION  
PANCHDEEP BHAWAN, CIG MARG, NEW DELHI-110002**

No.: P-11/14/Misc./1/2019-Rev.

Dated: 16.03.2020

**NOTICE**

Keeping in view the pandemic in the form of "Corona virus" (COVID-19) in the country, the Director General has relaxed the provision as entered in regulations 26 & 31 of 'The Employees' State Insurance (General) Regulations, 1950'. The proviso of regulation 31 shall be read as 45 days instead of 15 days for the contribution payable for the month of February & March, 2020 only.

The ESI contribution for the month of **February, 2020 & March 2020** can be filed & paid up to **15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 & 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020** instead of **15<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 & 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2020** respectively.

  
(M.K. Sharma)  
**Ins. Commissioner (Rev.)**

**EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUNDS ORGANISATION,  
HEAD OFFICE, NEW DELHI**

**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana**

**A Scheme to implement the PMGKY package for credit of employee's & employer's share of EPF & EPS contributions (24% of wages) for three months by Govt. of India**

**SCHEME GUIDELINES**

**1. Introduction:**

The Govt. of India on 26.03.2020 announced Rs.1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus Pandemic. As part of the said package, the Central Govt. proposes to pay 24 percent of the monthly wages into EPF accounts for next three months of Wage-earners below Rupees fifteen thousand per month, who are employed in establishments having up to one hundred employees, with 90% or more of such employees earning monthly wages less than Rs.15000/-.

To implement the aforesaid package, the Ministry of Labour, Govt. of India, hereby notifies a Scheme with guidelines herein below:

**2. Scheme Objectives:**

To prevent disruption in the employment of low wage earning employees and support establishments employing up to one hundred employees, the entire employees EPF contributions (12% of wages) and employers' EPF & EPS contribution (12% of wages), totalling 24% of the monthly wages for the next three months shall be directly paid by the Central Govt. in the EPF accounts (UAN) of employees, who are already members of EPF Scheme, 1952, drawing wages less than Rs.15000/- per month and employed in establishments, already covered under the EPF & MP Act, 1952, employing up to one hundred employees, with 90% or more of such employees earning less than Rs.15,000/- monthly wages.

**3. Validity of Scheme:**

The Scheme will be in operation for the wage months- March, 2020, April, 2020 and May 2020.

#### 4. Definitions for the Scheme:

The definitions mentioned in various sub-sections of section 2 of The Employees' Provident Fund & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952 and Para 2 of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, would be applicable mutatis mutandis to this scheme as well.

The following definitions would also be relevant:

(a) Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR) are the monthly challans/returns submitted online to the EPFO by the employers/establishments.

(b) Universal Account Number (UAN) are the unique account number of the members and for the purpose of this Scheme, the UANs need to be Aadhaar seeded.

(c) Ownership returns in Form 5A prescribed under Para 36-A of EPF Scheme, 1952

#### 5. Eligibility for Scheme benefits:

A. For Establishments: To be eligible for benefits, following conditions should be fulfilled:

(i) The establishment or factory should already be covered and registered under the Employees' Provident Funds & Misc. Provisions Act, 1952.

(ii) The total number of employees employed in the establishment should be up to 100 (one hundred), with 90% or more of such employees should be drawing monthly wages less than Rs.15000/-.

B. For Employees:

(i) Employee should be employed in any eligible establishment earning monthly wages of less than Rs.15000/-. The UAN of the employee should be seeded with his/her Aadhaar.

(ii) Employee should be a member of EPF Scheme, 1952 & Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 whose contributions are received for any period during last six months (September 2019 to February 2020) in the ECR filed by any eligible establishment against his/her UAN.

Such contributions in ECR should have been received on monthly wage of less than Rs.15000/-

(iii) It is clarified that if any employee is already a registered beneficiary and his/her employer is availing benefits of payment of employer's share by Central Govt. under

PMRPY/PMPRPY 2016, no such benefit in r/o such employee shall be available under this Scheme of PMGKY.

## 6. Instructions for availing benefits under the Scheme:

(i) The employer in relation to any eligible establishment, shall disburse wages for the month to all employees of the establishment and file Electronic Challan cum Return (ECR) Online to avail the benefit under the Scheme.

(ii) Since the Central Govt. is paying the employee's share of EPF contributions for employees eligible under this Scheme, for the wage months March, 2020, April, 2020, and May, 2020, the employer shall not make any deduction of employee's share of EPF contributions from the monthly wages of any eligible employee drawn for the wage months- March 2020, April 2020 and May 2020.

(iii) The employer of establishment claiming benefits under this Scheme have to file only one valid ECR for each of the months- March, 2020, April, 2020 and May, 2020.

(iv) That Form 5A (Ownership return) filed electronically should contain the details of all branches/departments and EPF Code numbers, if any, allotted separately to such branches/departments.

(v) Once ECR is uploaded by an employer eligible for relief, then the challan will separately show such amounts of employees' and employers' contributions as Central Govt. relief due under this Scheme in respect of eligible employees and the remaining amount payable by the employer-contributions towards EDLI Scheme, 1976 and EPF administrative charges in respect of all employees as well as EPF & EPS contributions due in respect of ineligible employees.

(vi) After the employer remits the payment due from him as reflected in challan as noted at (v) above, the EPF & EPS contributions in respect of eligible employees will be credited directly in their respective UAN by the Central Govt. There is no need to seek reimbursement of relief.

(vii) At the time of submission of the ECR, the employer shall be required to certify correctness of information furnished electronically in ECR and in Form 5A with an undertaking that the employer is liable for penal and coercive consequence for submitting any incorrect or false information/declaration to avail the relief. The form of Certificate/declaration of employer is appended below:

### **CERTIFICATE/ DECLARATION OF EMPLOYER**

*"I hereby certify that the information relating to the names of employees who are members of the EPF Scheme, 1952 and/or EPS' 1995, UANs seeded with Aadhaar of*



*employees, EPF/EPS wages already disbursed to employees, number of excluded employees in the ECR for wage month of March/April/May, 2020 are true and correct.*

*That I have disclosed names & UANs seeded with Aadhaar of every employee employed in all units/branches/departments as well as number of excluded employees of my establishment in the ECR for wage month of March/April/May, 2020, the total number of employees being \_\_\_\_ (EPF members and excluded employees), out of which \_\_\_\_ employees earned EPF/EPS wages less than Rs.15000/- qualifying for Central Govt. relief. I further certify that the Form 5A contains the details of all branches/departments and EPF Code numbers allotted separately to these.*

*I also certify that monthly wages due to all employees for the month of March/April/May, 2020 has been disbursed and also certify that no deductions towards either employees' EPF contributions or employers' EPF/EPS contributions have been made from wages of eligible employees for the month of March/April/May, 2020.*

*That I have neither suppressed any material information nor omitted any particulars and submitted correct information to avail the relief of employer's and employees' share of contributions in r/o eligible employees from the Central Govt. for the month of March/April/May, 2020.*

*I understand that the employer is liable to refund the relief amount and is also liable for any penal and coercive consequence for submitting any incorrect or false information/declaration to avail the Central Govt. relief."*

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(viii) The employer and establishment, seeking benefits of this Scheme, shall be fully responsible for the information furnished electronically in ECR or Form 5A or otherwise. If it is found that employer or any person has filed a false information or statement or made a false declaration, the employer shall be treated as defaulter and liable for penal consequences for such contravention as per the provisions of the EPF & MP Act, 1952 and EPF Scheme, 1952 and the relief paid by the Central Govt. shall be liable for recovery along with interest and penalty.

## **7. Modalities for implementation of the Scheme**

(i) EPFO shall develop a software for implementing this Scheme and also develop a procedure which is transparent and accountable at their own end.

(ii) EPFO shall credit the funds in the Aadhaar seeded accounts of members of EPF in electronic manner.

## 8. Monitoring Mechanism

(i) EPFO shall put in place a robust mechanism to monitor the implementation of the Scheme on a daily basis.

(ii) EPFO shall provide weekly reports to the Ministry of Labour & Employment (Directorate General of Employment), Govt. of India for effective monitoring of the Scheme.

## 9. Third Party evaluation

(i) EPFO shall undertake Third Party Evaluation of the Scheme within a period of three months from the closure of the Scheme and send a report to the Ministry of labour & Employment, Govt. of India.

(ii) The expenditure incurred towards evaluation of the Scheme shall be borne by the EPFO out of its own resources.

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March 27, 2020

All Commercial Banks (including Small Finance Banks, Local Area Banks and Regional Rural Banks)  
All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks  
All All-India Financial Institutions  
All Non-Banking Finance Companies (including Housing Finance Companies)

Madam/Dear Sir,

**COVID-19 – Regulatory Package**

Please refer to the [Statement of Development and Regulatory Policies released on March 27, 2020](#) where inter alia certain regulatory measures were announced to mitigate the burden of debt servicing brought about by disruptions on account of COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure the continuity of viable businesses. In this regard, the detailed instructions are as follows:

**(i) Rescheduling of Payments – Term Loans and Working Capital Facilities**

2. In respect of all term loans (including agricultural term loans, retail and crop loans), all commercial banks (including regional rural banks, small finance banks and local area banks), co-operative banks, all-India Financial Institutions, and NBFCs (including housing finance companies) (“lending institutions”) are permitted to grant a moratorium of three months on payment of all instalments<sup>1</sup> falling due between March 1, 2020 and May 31, 2020. The repayment schedule for such loans as also the residual tenor, will be shifted across the board by three months after the moratorium period. Interest shall continue to accrue on the outstanding portion of the term loans during the moratorium period.

<sup>1</sup> Instalments will include the following payments falling due from March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020: (i) principal and/or interest components; (ii) bullet repayments; (iii) Equated Monthly instalments; (iv) credit card dues.

3. In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned in the form of cash credit/overdraft (“CC/OD”), lending institutions are permitted to defer the recovery of interest applied in respect of all such facilities during the period from March 1, 2020 upto May 31, 2020 (“deferment”). The accumulated accrued interest shall be recovered immediately after the completion of this period.

**(ii) Easing of Working Capital Financing**

4. In respect of working capital facilities sanctioned in the form of CC/OD to borrowers facing stress on account of the economic fallout of the pandemic, lending institutions may recalculate the ‘drawing power’ by reducing the margins and/or by reassessing the working capital cycle. This relief shall be available in respect of all such changes effected up to May 31, 2020 and shall be contingent on the lending institutions satisfying themselves that the same is necessitated on account of the economic fallout from COVID-19. Further, accounts provided relief under these instructions shall be subject to subsequent supervisory review with regard to their justifiability on account of the economic fallout from COVID-19.

**Classification as Special Mention Account (SMA) and Non-Performing Asset (NPA)**

5. Since the moratorium/deferment/recalculation of the ‘drawing power’ is being provided specifically to enable the borrowers to tide over economic fallout from COVID-19, the same will not be treated as concession or change in terms and conditions of loan agreements due to financial difficulty of the borrower under paragraph 2 of the Annex to the Reserve Bank of India (Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets) Directions, 2019 dated June 7, 2019 (“Prudential Framework”). Consequently, such a measure, by itself, shall not result in asset classification downgrade.

6. The asset classification of term loans which are granted relief as per paragraph 2 shall be determined on the basis of revised due dates and the revised repayment schedule. Similarly, working capital facilities where relief is provided as per paragraph 3 above, the SMA and the out of order status shall be evaluated considering the

application of accumulated interest immediately after the completion of the deferment period as well as the revised terms, as permitted in terms of paragraph 4 above.

7. The rescheduling of payments, including interest, will not qualify as a default for the purposes of supervisory reporting and reporting to Credit Information Companies(CICs) by the lending institutions. CICs shall ensure that the actions taken by lending institutions pursuant to the above announcements do not adversely impact the credit history of the beneficiaries.

### **Other Conditions**

8. Lending institutions shall frame Board approved policies for providing the above-mentioned reliefs to all eligible borrowers, *inter alia*, including the objective criteria for considering reliefs under paragraph 4 above and disclosed in public domain.

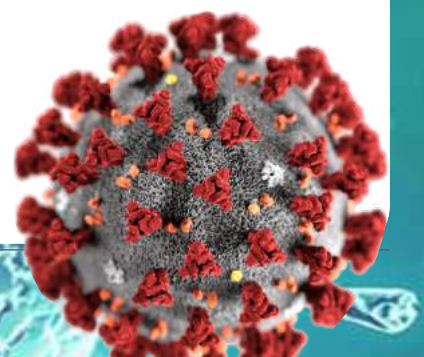
9. Wherever the exposure of a lending institution to a borrower is ₹ 5 crore or above as on March 1, 2020, the bank shall develop an MIS on the reliefs provided to its borrowers which shall *inter alia* include borrower-wise and credit-facility wise information regarding the nature and amount of relief granted.

10. The instructions in this circular come into force with immediate effect. The Board of Directors and the key management personnel of the lending institutions shall ensure that the above instructions are properly communicated down the line in their respective organisations, and clear instructions are issued to their staff regarding their implementation.

Yours faithfully,

(Saurav Sinha)

Chief General Manager-in-Charge



To  
All the RAC Memers,  
Hyderabad Zone  
Sir,

CBIC has taken many trade friendly initiatives during this COVID-19 situation. We are hereby forwarding the snapshot of such initiatives for the benefit of trade and for further sharing of this information.

Regards,

Chief Commissioner Office, Customs & GST ,Hyderabad zone



## COVID-19

### TRADE FRIENDLY INITIATIVES BY CBIC

- ④ 24\*7 Customs clearance of Goods are being done to avoid supply chain disruptions

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- ④ Expeditious processing of GST and Customs Refund/drawback claims to provide immediate relief to business entities including MSMEs

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- ④ Custom formations are working for clearance of both import and export cargo. Assessment, examination and ancillary work such as bond acceptance, warehousing, port clearance, amendment to documents is happening smoothly

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- ④ A dedicated single window Novel Coronavirus helpdesk for EXIM trade has been created on CBIC website to facilitate quick resolution of issue(s) faced by importer/exporter

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- ④ A nodal officer is designated in each Zone who can be approached for any issue pertaining to clearance of cargo

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- ④ Importers can submit undertakings in lieu of the requisite bonds during the lockdown period which has to be replaced by proper bonds later

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- ④ Requests and documents are being accepted via e-mail to avoid physical visits and contact between the trade and Customs officers. E-mail address has already been notified by each Zone

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- ④ Late fee charged on delayed filing of Bill of Entry of import consignments from Covid-19 affected countries on account of non-receipt of document has been waived off

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- ④ Based on email requisitions, computers and related accessories have been permitted by Customs to be transferred to residences of the employees of Software Technology Parks of India (STPIs), to facilitate work from home

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- ④ The time limit for completion of proceedings and filing of any appeal under the Customs Act, 1962 has been extended till 30th June 2020 through an Ordinance

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- ④ Board and zonal Chief Commissioners are promptly monitoring the situation through video conference meetings with the field formations and trade to resolve any emerging issue

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- ④ Recognizing the difficulties faced by trade in taking delivery of imported cargo, MHA has revised its guidelines. Feedback from owners of Customs bonded warehouses, indicate many warehouses and godowns are open and functional

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- ④ As per MHA directives, employees working for Customs Brokers (CBs) services are permitted to travel to ports or Customs House on passes issued by the Port

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- ④ Regular coordination with District administration/Police authorities is being maintained by the Customs authorities for smooth movement of EXIM cargo



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March 21, 2020

**Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman**  
Hon'ble Ministry of Finance &  
Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
Government of India  
New Delhi-110001

Respected Madam,

In the light of Corona virus impact on the trade and economy, to limit the disruption caused to industry and more particularly to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSME), the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry, apex chamber of Telangana State suggests and recommend taking following measures:

FTCCI request the Government to relax the following Tax Compliances due to be undertaken by the Trade and Industry in the month of March and Coming Months.

### **I. On Statutory Compliance/Payment Front**

- a) Extension of due dates falling in remainder of March, 2020 for filing the various Returns including GSTR-3B prescribed under GST laws to June 30, 2020;
- b) Extension of due dates falling in remainder of March, 2020 for furnishing various Returns/Forms prescribed under the Income Tax Act, 1961 to June 30, 2020.
- c) Extension of due date from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for 100% payment of tax under recently operationalised Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme, 2020
- d) Extension of due dates falling in the remainder part of March, 2020 in respect of other regulatory compliances/filing of returns as prescribed under various legislations to June 30, 2020.
- e) Waiver of penalty or late fee or interest, as the case may be, in case of delayed discharge of any statutory dues under GST laws, IT Act, etc. during February 2020 and March, 2020;

- f) Waiver of demurrage/detention charges or any port charges etc. in respect of the international cargo considering the fact that the cargos are being subjected to vigorous examination leading to delay in clearance.

**II. On Departmental Adjudication/Appellate & other Proceedings**

- a) To put a temporary hold on the fixation of personal hearings in any adjudication or appellate proceedings being undertaken by the departmental authorities under the GST laws or IT Act;
  - b) To put on hold or discontinue the ongoing EA 2000 audit or any audit being undertaken by the CGST and Central Excise/Service Tax authorities for at least 3 months;
  - c) Issue of instructions to the adjudicating/appellate authorities to refrain from passing any adjudication/appellate orders ex-parte (orders maybe passed, if feasible, only in case of concluded hearings)
- d) Issue of the instructions to the adjudicating/appellate authorities for entertaining the request for the adjournments (irrespective of the stipulation in law).

**III. On the Financial Front**

- a) Extension of due date for payment of EMI's including EMIs related to various Credit Facilities availed by the Businesses from the Banks by 90 days without any penal interest or late payment charges and also without any negative impact on the credit rating of the borrower;
- b) Issue of instructions to the banks and financial institutions to relax the conditions related to maintenance of margin balance against working capital limits for at least 90 days;
- c) Extension of payment of Letters of Credit (LC) by at least 90 days without any penal interest (a letter of assurance from the beneficiaries may be asked for from the Indian businessman.)
- d) Extension of time bound commitments under FEMA such as collections from the foreign debtors, export commitments, payment to foreign creditors, etc. Falling due between March 15, 2020 and April 30, 2020 from the date of it becoming due.
- e) Concessional working capital loans should be given to MSMEs "equivalent to one to three month's (based upon the extent of disruption) average turnover of last year."
- f) Impermissibility of any defaults committed during this period to be a ground for initiation of the proceedings under IBC.



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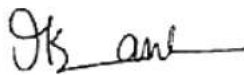
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- IV. Apart from the above, we also request the Hon'ble Minister to relax all the compliances required to be fulfilled under ROC , and the compliances under SEBI for Listed Companies

On behalf of members of Trade and Industry, FTCCI request the government to intervene to cushion the businesses in the wake of disruptions to businesses caused by COVID-19

Looking forward for timely intervention and support to industry and businesses

Yours Sincerely,



Karunendra S Jasti  
President  
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Cc: Pramod Chandra Mody, IRS,Chairman- CBDT



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March 28, 2020

**Sri Ajay Misra, I.A.S.,**  
Special Chief Secretary,  
Department of Energy,  
Govt. of Telangana,  
Telangana Secretariat,  
Hyderabad. 7

Dear Sir,

**Sub:** Covid-19: seeking relief measures on power bills - reg

At the outset we appreciate and commend the measures taken by the government of Telangana to control the impact of pandemic Covid-19 and we extend our complete support and cooperation to make the efforts fruitful and secure the State from spreading of disease.

You are aware that all the industrial units work on a precarious state of finances and any minor disruptions in their regular flow of works will upset their production and cash flows and is harmful for the overall health. While the loss and difficulties of workers and employees is predictable, it is equally difficult for the large scale and MSME units and businesses to pay the salaries and wages by taking additional loans while foregoing the production and revenues.

The industry stakeholders need working capital and they are looking at interventions either from banking sector in easing out of norms or they will be looking at support through reduction of taxes, reliefs in utility bills such as electricity, and water, waiver of penalties, interests etc.

The government of India and RBI has announced slew of measures to ease the burden on industry and business during these difficult times and we are looking forward for the relief measures from Government of Telangana

In this context, we request you to provide following relief to the electricity consumers of industrial and commercial categories as they have shut the production / business operations due to lockdown.

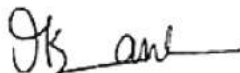
- To extend the last date for payment of electricity bills of March and April 2020 till May 30, 2020 without interest and penalties for delayed payment

- To collect the CMD charges on pro-rata basis of energy consumption for next six months or till the situation gets back to normalcy and the industry and businesses become fully operational
- To collect the electricity charges only on their actual electricity usage and waive the fixed charges per KVA of CMD
- To waive the electricity duty for all categories of consumers
- To give installment facility for payment of bills without interest and penalties for the industries to recover from revenue losses

We look forward for the complete support to the industry in these difficult times and expect the government to provide relief for the industry to recover quickly and be able to carry on their production as soon as possible. This helps protecting the employment of scores of people depending on industry and businesses, directly and indirectly.

Thank you  
Look forward for your timely intervention and relief

Yours sincerely



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March 24, 2020

**Sri Somesh Kumar, I.A.S**

Hon'ble Chief Secretary,  
Government of Telangana  
5th Floor, Burgula Rama Krishna Rao Bhavan,  
NH 44, Hill Fort, Adarsh Nagar,  
Hyderabad.

Dear Sir,

**Sub:** Covid-19 pandemic impact and measures requested for- reg

At the outset we appreciate and commend the measures taken by the government of Telangana to control the impact of pandemic Covid-19 and we extend our complete support and cooperation to make the efforts fruitful and secure the State from spreading of disease.

While we understand the importance of social distancing and closure of non-essential shops, as industry body, we are also very concerned for financial health of the all industrial units, Large Scale and MSMEs.

You are aware that all the industrial units work on a precarious state of finances and any minor disruptions in their regular flow of works will upset their production and cash flows and is harmful for the overall health. While the loss and difficulties of workers and employees is predictable, it is equally difficult for the large scale and MSME units and businesses to pay the salaries and wages by taking additional loans while foregoing the production and revenues.

The industry stakeholders need working capital and they are looking at interventions either from banking sector in easing out of norms or they will be looking at support through reduction of taxes, waiver of penalties, interests etc.

It is brought to our notice that commercial taxes department officials are forcing the businesses to clear the dues /settle the disputed payments for more than seven to eight years and are freezing the bank accounts of the entrepreneurs without informing/giving notice to them. On one hand government is appealing to close the units and pay the wages to all workers- regular

as well as contractual, and on the other forcing the entrepreneurs to pay the long pending dues in these difficult times and resorting to coercive actions!

We request you to use your good offices to restrain the tax authorities from resorting to coercive actions and give sufficient time to provide all the documents/records/information required to settle the pending dues. We also request you to instruct not to freeze the bank accounts of the units and multiply the hardships of the businesses.

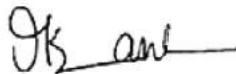
In these very difficult times to every section of the people, to protect and provide livelihood and employment to lakhs of people depending on industry, directly and indirectly, we request the government of Telangana to consider the following suggestions/recommendations:

1. Waiver of Payment of penalties/interest on delayed payment of power bills, water bills, property taxes, license fee and any other statutory payments to be made by March 31 for 3 months.
2. Extension of time for the payment of GST without penalties and interests for 3 months i.e. till June 2020
3. Extension of time for claim of industrial incentives for first half of 2019-20 for which last date is 31-3-2020 (ex: claim of interest subsidy under pavala vaddi, claim of sales tax reimbursement)
4. Many industrial units were sanctioned 14 years Sales Tax (VAT) Deferment under the Industrial Promotion Policy of the State Government for such units, the deferred sales tax (VAT) amount of FY 2005-06 becomes due for payment by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. This deadline may be extended till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020, without imposing any penalties or interest.
5. To create a fund for MSMEs and extend working capital loans at no interest or minimal interest (2-3%) to tide over their financial crisis
6. To release the pending sanctioned industrial incentives at the earliest before 31<sup>st</sup> March or by April end.

We are sincerely hoping and waiting for all the support from the government as industry is going to be hit hard with the closure of units for one week or more if situation warrants.

Looking forward for your timely intervention

Yours sincerely,



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