

Minutes of the State Level Empowered Committee Meeting on CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

held on 24th April, 2020 at Chief Secretary Conference Hall, Dispur

The list of officers present in the meeting is given at Annexure "A"

The meeting was chaired by Shri Kumar Sanjay Krishna, Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam.

After detailed discussion the following issues were taken up for consideration and necessary action:

- ◆ ADGP (L & O), Assam Police informed the House that Government have arranged 18 buses to transport 368 people (320 Students, 40 Parents & 8 Police Personnel) from Kota to Guwahati. In this regard, the families of students are bearing the cost of the said travel. Further, after reaching Guwahati, all arrivals would be quarantined for 14 days at Sarusajai Quarantine Facility where they would subject to stringent medical testing on the 1st day (day of arrival), the 5th day and the 14th day.
- ◆ ADGP (L &O) informed that inter district movement of people /stranded labourers will start for three days w.e.f 25th April, 2020. Therefore, he suggested boarding points to be at ASTC bus stand and disembarking points at local Police Stations in order to avoid crowding. He further mentioned that ASTC would be covering closer destinations first.
- ◆ Chief Secretary urged all stakeholders not to be complacent about the current situation in the State but to maintain strict vigil for ensuring COVID 19 containment.
- ◆ Regarding the Inter-district movement of people and stranded labourers, Principal Secretary, H & FW Department mentioned that there are two categories of people who are seeking permission for movement viz.
 - People moving by their own vehicle
 - Passes will be issued for to & fro movement of those stranded for undergoing medical treatments at GMCH / AMCH, etc.
 - One way passes for stranded people working in Govt Department / PSUs etc. and common people
 - One way passes for contractors to enable them to fetch labourers for brick kilns or other industries exempted under essential services
 - People needing public transport service:
 - ASTC will issue one way passes to stranded members of public / students

In this regard, Principal Secretary, H & FW Department further mentioned that ASTC will hire more buses over and above its own fleet to transport stranded people. NHM will bear the expenditure on public transport. Further, all travelers will be subject to medical screening before boarding and also at the disembarkment point. Principal Secretary informed the house that intending passengers /travelers will have to apply for e-pass from the local DC of the district where they would be starting their journey.

- ◆ Chief Secretary directed Revenue & Disaster Management Department to issue a notification directing DCs to ensure unhindered inter-district movement of vehicles carrying vegetable & fruits, except those originating from containment zones. This instruction should be strictly followed by all DCs without fail.
- ◆ ADGP (L & O) suggested that Dhubri & South Salmara districts should be kept under containment zone considering the rising COVID 19 positive cases. Further, any inter-district movement should be restricted and vehicular traffic to and from Assam should be diverted through Kokrajhar.

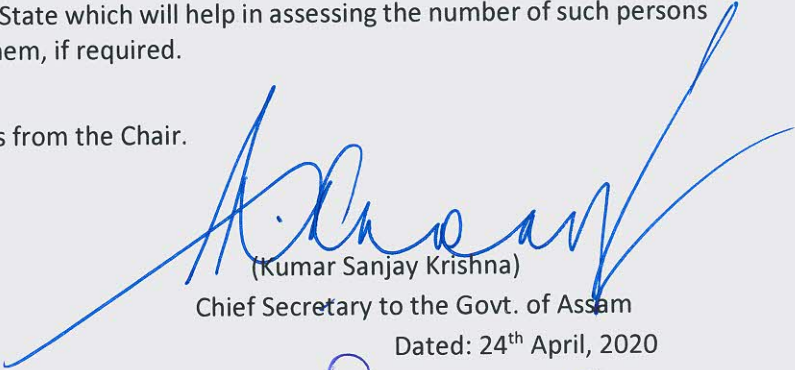
- ◆ Chief Secretary directed Agriculture Department to prepare and submit a detailed Plan to the State Level Empowered Committee for starting agricultural activities including micro planning & management of wholesale / export markets during lockdown period and beyond. It was suggested that specific meeting points between the retail buyers and the wholesalers may be arranged on fixed days.
- ◆ DCs to ensure that regulated opening of shops selling agricultural seeds and planting materials to facilitate farmers.
- ◆ In principle exemption for operation of 33 Yarn Banks during the lockdown period with adherence to COVID 19 health advisories would be allowed. Handloom & Textile department will submit a detailed proposal to State Level Empowered Committee for consideration.
- ◆ CEO, ASDMA mentioned about the vulnerable embankments within containment zone in Morigaon District and the need for necessary protection measures against flood along with preparation of contingency plan for relief camps. The meeting decided that this may be worked out in consultation with Health Department.
- ◆ DCs in coordination with Police and DIPR to organize outreach programme for citizens through tickers on television for popularizing the use of face masks in public spaces and also for demonstrating the proper way of wearing masks.
- ◆ ASDMA to publicize its email ID/ contact number for registering the students / persons working abroad for their eventual return to the State which will help in assessing the number of such persons and to prepare a plan for evacuating them, if required.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

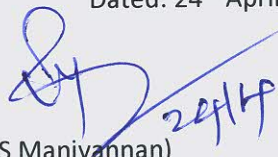
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1. All concerned.


(Kumar Sanjay Krishna)
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Dated: 24th April, 2020


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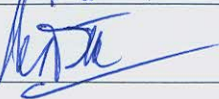
Chief Executive Officer

Assam State Disaster Management Authority

STATE LEVEL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE MEETING OF ASDMA ON COVID-19 HELD IN CHIEF SECRETARY'S CONFERENCE HALL ON

24-04-2020

Attendance sheet

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