

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE**

No.2661/Ag/CCD-E/2020

Puducherry, the 15/4/2020

I.D. NOTE

Sub: Agri - Preventive measure to contain the spread of COVID-19 - Consolidated revised guidelines of Govt. of India - Extracted and communicated for compliance - Reg.

Ref: (i) G.O.Ms.No.3/2020 dated 23/3/2020 of Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry.

(ii) This Office I.D.Note of even number dated 27/3/2020.

(iii) No.2661/DA/PA/2019-20 dated 27/3/2020 of Directorate of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Puducherry.

(iv) Order No.40-3/2020/DM-I(A) dated 15/4/2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

In continuation to the I.D. Note cited under reference (ii), the following consolidated guideline pertaining to Agriculture Sector and its related activities is reproduced for smooth functioning of agriculture related activities/operations both at field and departmental level.

"6. Agricultural and related activities

A. All agricultural and horticultural activities to remain fully functional, such as;

- i. Farming operations by farmers and farm workers in field.
- ii. Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
- iii. 'Mantis' operated by the Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) or as notified by the State/ UT Government (e.g., satellite mantis). Direct marketing operations by the State/ UT Government or by industry, directly from farmers/ group of farmers, FPOs' co-operatives etc. States/ UTs may promote decentralized marketing and procurement at village level.
- iv. Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
- v. 'Custom Hiring Centers (CHC)' related to farm machinery.
- vi. Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.
- vii. Movement (inter and intra State) of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/ horticulture implements.

D. Animal husbandry- the following activities will be functional:

- i. Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including transport and supply chain.



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- ii. Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms & hatcheries and livestock farming activity.
- iii. Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw material, such as maize and soya.
- iv. Operation of animal shelter homes, including Gaushalas.

12. Movement, loading/ unloading of goods/ cargo (inter and intra State) is allowed, as under:

- v. Movement of all trucks and other goods/ carrier vehicles with two drivers and one helper subject to the driver carrying a valid driving license; an empty truck/ vehicle will be allowed to ply after the delivery of goods, or for pick up of goods.

13. Supply of essential goods is allowed, as under:

- i. All facilities in the supply chain of essential goods, whether involved in manufacturing, wholesale or retail of such goods through local stores, large brick and mortar stores or e-Commerce companies should be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.
- ii. Shops (including Kirana and single shops selling essential goods) and carts, including ration shops (under PDS), dealing with food and groceries (**for daily use**), hygiene items, fruits and vegetables, dairy and milk booths, poultry, meat and fish, animal feed and fodder etc, should be allowed to operate, ensuring strict social distancing without any restriction on their timing of opening and closure.

14. Commercial and private establishments, as listed below, will be allowed to operate:

- vii. Cold storage and warehousing services, including at ports, airports, railway stations, container Depots, individual units and other links in the logistics chain.

15. Industries/ Industrial Establishments (both Government and private), as listed below, will be allowed to operate:

- iv. Food processing industries in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities.
- v. Production units, which require continuous process, and their supply chain.

17. Movement of persons is allowed in the following cases

- i. Private vehicles for emergency services, including medical and veterinary care, and for procuring essential commodities. In such cases, one passenger besides the private vehicle driver can be permitted in the backseat, in case of four-wheelers; however, in case of two-wheelers, only the driver of the vehicle is to be permitted.

19. Offices of the State/ Union Territory Governments, their Autonomous Bodies and Local Governments will remain open, as mentioned below

- ii. All other Departments of State/ UT Governments to work with restricted staff. Group 'A' and 'B' officers may attend as required. Group 'C' and levels below that may attend up to 33% of strength, as per requirement to ensure social distancing. However, delivery of public services shall be ensured, and necessary staff will be deployed for such purpose."

2. The Head of Office, Head of institutions under the Administrative control of department of Agriculture and Officials of the department of Agriculture & Farmers welfare, institutions etc shall ensure the compliance of the above instructions.

3. This apart all other arrangements in respect of the Control Room will remain unchanged and the control Room will be operational 24x7 until further orders with phone numbers – 04132228218, 0413-2220130, 9489816998 (whatsapp).

4. Further, it has been ordered to allow select additional activities with effect from 20th April 2020, however, the operational sing would be based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines on lockdown measures. This guidelines will not apply in containment zones, demarcated now or in future by the district administration.

5. It is once again, reiterated that the officials of the department shall abide the instructions of the Govt. of India, District Administration and DP&AR, issued from time to time.

// By order //


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To

1. The Addl. Director of Agriculture (T&V), Thattanchavady, Puducherry.
2. The Addl. Director of Agriculture, Karaikal.
3. The Addl. Director of Agriculture (Hort), Puducherry.
4. The Hydrogeologist-II, SGWU, Puducherry.
5. The Deputy Director of Agriculture, Mahe/Yanam.
6. The Chief Seed Certification Officer, PSCA, Puducherry.
7. The Secretary, PMC, Puducherry.
8. The Secretary, KMC, Karaikal.
9. The Chief Executive Officer, PAWWS, Puducherry.
10. The Managing Director, PASIC, Puducherry.
11. The Programme Coordinator, PKKVK, Puducherry.
12. The Principal, KVK, Karaikal.
13. The Dean, PAJANCOA, Karaikal.

Copy submitted to:

1. The Director General of Police, Puducherry.
2. The Development Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.(Agriculture), Puducherry.
3. The Secretary to Government (CS&CA), Puducherry.
4. The Secretary to Government (Revenue), Puducherry.
5. The District Collector, Puducherry.
6. The District Collector, Karaikal.

Copy to:

1. The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture &FW, Puducherry.
2. The P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Puducherry.
3. The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Puducherry.
4. The Regional Administrator, Mahe/Yanam.