SUPPLY OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS NORMAL

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Supplies of all essential food items have become normal. Also, the fourth Groceries-on-Wheel vehicle has started operations. Two Groceries-on-Wheel vehicles have been placed at the disposal of each Collector. Potato and onion have been added to the items on sale through these Groceries-on-Wheel vehicles. This was informed by Secretary to the SEC on April 4, 2020.

The State Executive Committee (SEC) was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (also Principal Secretary, PWD), and members attended by Shri Puneet Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology, Shri SK Bhandari, Secretary, Transport, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary Revenue, Member Secretary, SEC and SDMA.

The following officers also attended the meeting as special invitee : Shri Daulat A. Hawaldar, Secretary, Finance, Shri Subhash Chandra, PCCF, Shri Jaspal Singh, IGP, Shri Kunal, CEO, Smt. Nila Mohanan, Secretary, Health, Shri PS Reddy, Secretary (Fisheries), Shri J. Ashok, Secretary, Tourism, Shri Sanjay Grihar, Secretary, Panchayats, Shri Parmaditya, DIG, Shri C.R. Garg, Secretary, Law, Ms Isha Khosla, Secretary, Civil Supply.

District Observers and Incident Commanders shall visit all the relief shelters in their areas to ensure the necessary directions of the SEC issued in April 3, 2020 meeting are implemented on the ground, such as : Milk and biscuit to be provided to children residing in these shelters, making provisions for sanitary napkins, wherever required, making the provisions for folic acids/iron supplement tablets to the needy, regular Medical check-up of the children be done and they may ensure that requisite immunization measures are taken, to ensure that the immunisation schedule of the child is not broken, providing Hygiene kits, that may include a toothbrush, toothpaste, washing and bathing soaps, comb, mattress, wherever not available and more shelters be explored if the number of Labourers is high in an particular camp, and depending upon the facilities available.

Principal Secretary, Science and Technology informed that the Pharma industry has returned to its near normal scale of operation. The Druggists and Chemists have also reported resumption of normal operation.

IGP Informed the SEC that since the lockdown, about 4,000 violators have been booked under various laws against persons/vehicles. Two cases have been filed for using provocative language on social media. The SEC advised IGP to continue strict enforcement of the lockdown measures.
The SEC directed the PCE, PWD to carry out an extensive drive to ensure no drinking water shortages/disruption takes place. Also, overhead tanks be checked for ensuring no overflow of water takes place due to malfunctioning of ball valves. Also, leakages, if any, in the distribution network be attended to.

The SEC authorised Secretary (Health) to procure ICMR approved five Rapid Testing PCR machines and testing kits from M/s. Molbio, Verna Industrial Estate in relaxation of GFR provisions, an emergency purchase for testing preparedness, in view of the epidemic situation and lockdown, and having limited number of reagents/kits available at present for testing in GMC. These machines will be set up in District Hospital in Mapusa, Sub-District Hospital, Ponda, and GMC. These machines will also be used extensively for rapid screening of SARI/ILI cases.

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