GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

SOP FOR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

No. POL.75/2020/PtI/21 Dated: Shillong the 23rd April, 2020

Whereas Para 8 of Order No. POL.75/2020/Pt I/19 dated Shillong the 23rd April, 2020 issued by the Political Department, Government of Meghalaya has permitted construction activities, which is quoted below

"Construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and all kinds of industrial projects, including MSMEs, in rural areas, i.e., outside the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities: and all kinds of projects in industrial estates"

In compliance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15th April, 2020 Deputy Commissioners are to ensure that SOPs for social distancing as per para 3(i) and Annexures I & II of the above MHA order are in place and are followed.

Now, therefore the following SOP for construction activities as permitted in Para 8 of Order No. POL.75/2020/PtI/19 dated Shillong the 23rd April, 2020 is, hereby, notified which shall be implemented and enforced by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned District.

1. The Deputy Commissioner of the District shall identify those construction / repair projects which are of urgent nature in consultation with the concerned Works Department.

2. Since there is a ban on inter-state and inter-district movement, all workers should be sourced from the District only. Further, the workers to the extent possible should be sourced from the nearest available place to the construction site to avoid travelling. The Deputy Commissioner or a senior officer authorized by the Deputy Commissioner on his behalf should certify that the workers have been sourced from the District itself.

3. Wearing of Face Mask is compulsory for all workers during construction activity. The face-mask should be made available by the contractor concerned and the engineer in charge of the project, should certify that face masks have been worn on each day of the work carried out on a weekly basis to the Deputy Commissioner of the District concerned.

4. Transportation of Workers: Buses or vehicles transporting the workers shall ensure social distancing. It shall be the duty of the contractor concerned to ensure social distancing on the buses/vehicles transporting workers and equipment. Hand Sanitizers should be made available on these buses/vehicles.

5. All persons engaged in construction activities should ensure strict social distancing during carrying out work or during lunch breaks or any other activity in the construction site as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

6. There shall be a strict ban on chewing of gutka, tobacco, etc. and spitting should be strictly prohibited at the construction sites.

7. Vehicles and machinery entering the worksite should be disinfected.

8. It shall be the duty of the Department concerned who is executing the work to ensure that adequate hand-washing, toilet and other facilities are provided in the construction site itself, before commencement of the work.
9. There should be a total ban on non-essential visitors on sites. For example, if the construction work is happening in a village, the Headman of the Village should be informed so as to discourage any person from the village to visit the construction site.

10. Workers above the age of 60 and persons with co-morbidities should not be allowed to work in construction sites. Further, women with children and pregnant women should not be allowed to work at construction sites.

11. The District Magistrate shall be overall responsible for strict implementation and enforcement of these measures including taking action as per law for violation of this SOP or the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

(Signature)
(Shri. M.S. Rao, IAS)
Chief Secretary
Government of Meghalaya

Memo POL.75/2020/PtI/21
Dated: Shillong the 23rd April, 2020

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1. The Secretary to the Governor of Meghalaya for kind information of the Hon'ble Governor.
2. The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Meghalaya for kind information of the Chief Minister.
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6. The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya for favour of information of the Chief Secretary.
7. The Additional Chief Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/ Commissioners & Secretaries/ Secretaries of all the Department, Government of Meghalaya.
8. The Director General of Police, Meghalaya, Shillong for favour of information and necessary action.
9. The Director, Information and Public Relations for wide publicity of the Order.
10. The Director of Health Services (MI/MCH&FW)/Research), Meghalaya, Shillong.
11. The Director All India Radio for wide publicity of the above Order.
12. The Director, Doordarshan Kendra Shillong for wide publicity of the above Order.
13. The Secretary Autonomous District Councils.
14. All Deputy Commissioners, Shillong/Nongstoin/Mawkyrwat/Jowai/ Khliehriat/Nongpoh/Tura/Ampati/Resubelpara/Williamnagar/Baghmara for information and necessary action.
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16. The Chief Executive Officer, Municipal Board, Shillong/ Tura/Jowai/Resubelpara.

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
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