CM: Shops and businesses will continue to remain closed in Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara till 3rd May, 2020

Gandhinagar, Sunday: Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani has taken an important decision in order to ensure the safety of people in mega cities of Gujarat.

Providing details of the CM's decision, Secretary to CM Mr. Ashwani Kumar said, “Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani, after a detailed deliberation with Municipal Commissioners of the four mega cities, has decided that only services related to provision of essential items shall be operational in Ahmedabad, Surat, Rajkot and Vadodara. The decision comes ahead of CM’s decision to permit shops and businesses to operate from 26th April, 2020. Considering the severity of outbreak, the state government has decided that the shops and businesses shall only resume in these four cities after 3rd May, 2020. The CM has clearly instructed that shops for essential items such as milk, vegetables, fruits, medicines and related things shall remain operational.”

The Municipal Commissioners and District Collectors had a detailed discussion with the regional shop owners initially. Based on the discussion, the Municipal Commissioners had a detailed discussion with the Chief Minister.

In other parts of Gujarat, except containment zones, shops and businesses shall function with necessary safety measures. However, malls and complexes shall remain closed until further notice. Apart from that, barber shops, tea stalls, tobacco shops, restaurants and hotels shall also remain closed.

Taxi, cab services and bus services shall continue to remain closed across Gujarat.

Providing details of additional provision of grains to 66 lakh NFSA families, the Secretary said, “A total of 15 lakh NFSA card holders have availed 3.5 kg wheat and 1.5 kg rice. Around 5 lakh people availed food grains on the second day of distribution. Around 26,250 metric tons of wheat and 11,250 metric tons of rice has been distributed through 17,000 fair price shops.”

20,600 labourers have resumed their duties at 598 government construction sites. Around 7500 labourers have resumed their duties at 73 private construction sites.

6 lakh 89 thousand quintals of agri produce has been sold by farmers at the APMCs. A major portion of this includes 3,48,042 quintals of wheat, 1,89,567 quintals of castor and 36,095 quintals of mustard. 1 lakh 14 thousand 541 quintals of vegetables and 13,255 quintals of fruits are available in the state.

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