Industries and trade provide impetus to economic activities with relaxations in Lockdown 4.0: CM

Citizens laud GoG’s efforts to restore normalcy

Over 3 lakh industrial units employing more than 25 lakh people have been permitted to resume operations

Gandhinagar, Saturday: Chief Minister of the state Mr. Vijay Rupani has taken a number of welfare-oriented decisions to restore normalcy amidst Lockdown 4.0 in Gujarat. In areas other than containment zones, trade-industry, private offices, and businesses have resumed. Citizens are demonstrating immense support in this decision by maintaining social distance and using masks to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Providing details of the same, Secretary to CM, Mr. Ashwani Kumar said, over 3 lakh industrial units have resumed operations and around 25 lakh people including labourers and workers have availed employment opportunities in these units.

He added that the recommencement of trade and industries in the state has resulted in the consumption of 7500 MW of electricity so far. This consumption is about 82% of the average consumption under normal circumstances. He also briefed on the phase-wise relaxations given by the Chief Minister for ensuring employment by restarting trade, industry, and businesses in the state.

Industries were allowed to resume operations in rural areas except those under Municipality and Municipal Corporation from 20th April. Soon after, 25th April onwards, the Chief Minister had given permission to start industries outside the containment zones where industrial units have export orders on hand which were deferred due to the lockdown.

Chief Minister also permitted industries of 156 municipal areas including Junagadh and Jamnagar Municipal Corporation to kick start work from 3rd May. Likewise, industries outside the containment zone in Rajkot metropolis were permitted to operate from 14th May.

He added that industries, trade, business, and construction projects have been allowed to resume operations by following certain norms and conditions.

Construction projects have also been given a green signal in areas other than containment zones to provide workers with employment. 264 private construction projects employing 21,727 workers have started in eight municipal corporation areas. 834 projects have resumed in 8 Municipal corporations as well as 24 municipalities including construction projects of state government and metropolitan authorities, Metrorail project, Diamond Brush project in Surat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and EWS Awas Yojana. These projects provide livelihoods to 25,855 workers.