Minutes of Meeting of the State Executive Committee held in the Forest Bhavan, on 2nd April 2020

On 02/04/2020, a meeting of State Executive Committee (SEC) was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary (also Principal Secretary, PWD), Goa and all the following members attended:

1. Shri Puneet Goel, Principal Secretary, Science and Technology
2. Shri SK Bhandari, Secretary, Transport
3. Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary Revenue, Member Secretary, SEC & SDMA

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

After deliberation on the current situation, the SEC noted and decided the following:

1. The SEC acknowledged and appreciated the important role played by the staff of PWD, Electricity Department and Water Resources Department, involved in providing water supply, electricity, and raw water respectively. Despite the lockdown, no complaints of any disruption in these essential services was received from any area.

2. Secretary, Health informed that the results of the test of the 29 remaining patients sent to Pune have come out negative including the two tests of the patients who earlier tested positive. The SEC noted the information and asked all concerned to continue to be vigilant.

3. The SEC directed that no interstate movement be allowed for individuals except with valid Travel documents as issued by the Ministry of External Affairs or as authorised by the State government for emergent needs such as medical exigencies and those permitted as per various orders issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs vide the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
4. The SEC noted with satisfaction that the initiative Groceries-on-Wheel got a good response and the same needs to be supported and expanded.

5. Secretary, Finance informed the SEC that banks have agreed to extend their public dealing hours from 10 am to 4 pm (minutes attached). In his meeting, the bankers appreciated the pro-active role of the government in facilitating the banks functioning. The banks shall also ensure other safety norms and social distancing.

6. A large number of Goan are living/working abroad including thousands of seafarers. The Hon'ble CM has already taken up the issue with the Hon'ble PM for extending all possible help to them.

7. The facility of E-Temporary Pass that started on 1200 hrs on 1st April is running satisfactorily. By 1800 hrs on 2nd April, 1,350 E-Travel Passes have been issued. These limited duration passes with the number cap per hour would facilitate movement of elderlies and others who want to buy groceries, medicines, use of ATM/Bank facility etc. or in the need of medical attention.

8. District Observers informed the SEC that the supply chain of essential supplies has improved and most of the grocery shops are open.

9. IGP informed the SEC that passenger lists of all trains which arrived in Goa after 15th March were examined and no passenger was found to have attended the Tablighi Jamaat at Nizamuddin. Similarly, the passenger list of Air Asia has been examined with no such traveller found. For other Airlines, the process is on-going.

10. The SEC appreciated that many NGOs and Organisations wanted to help in providing food etc. for the needy. However, the Collectors should coordinate with such charitable organisations, to standardise the menu of the food packets, to prevent any complaints of differentiation.

11. The SEC decided to adopt the Aarogya app developed by the NIC to keep track of information related to people such as COVID19 Suspects or Home Quarantined. Some other proposals for the development of similar apps were received by the Government, and the SEC appreciated such proposals. However, it was felt that the NIC would be a better suited organisation as it has a pan-India presence. The Secretary (Health) will take necessary steps to operationalise the same.

12. On 1st April, the SEC issued certain directions on the implementation of the directions given by the Hon’ble Supreme Court for the welfare of stranded migrant labourers. The SEC now directs both Collectors to also provide for one Hygiene kit that may contain essentials such as toothpaste, toothbrush, washing and bathing soap, and comb for each inmate in these camps. The labour camp/shelter i/c shall
ensure proper hygiene and compliance of the norms of social distancing amongst the inmates.

Committee also conveys to all concerned that as per MHA orders, any person violating these containment measures or not complying with the above directions will be liable to be proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action u/s 188 of the IPC.

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