

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Transport, Roads & Buildings Department – Containment, Control, and Prevention of COVID – 19 Epidemic – Action Plan containing the Operational guidelines concerned to the transport related services in Transport Department for prevention of spread of COVID -19 in Andhra Pradesh- Orders – Issued.

TRANSPORT, ROADS AND BUILDINGS (Tr.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 125

Dated: 24-04-2020.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.209, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt. 22.03.2020
2. MHA, GoI Order No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt. 24.3.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No. 216, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt. 24.03.2020.
4. MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt.25.03.2020.
5. MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt.27.03.2020.
6. G.O.Rt.No. 221, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt. 29.03.2020.
7. MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt.02.04.2020.
8. MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt.03.04.2020.
- 9.MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A), Dt. 10.04.2020.
- 10.MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 14.04.2020.
- 11.G.O. Rt.No.238, HM&FW (B2) Dept., Dt. 14.04.2020.
- 12.MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt.15.04.2020.
13. G.O.Rt.No.239, HM&FW (B2) Dept.,Dt.16.04.2020.
14. D.O.Lr from Home Secretary, No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A),Dt.19.4.2020
15. MHA, GoI Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dt. 19.04.2020.
16. From Transport Commissioner, AP, Vijayawada letter No. TRB-03-17021/ 14/2020-MV Act, Dt.19.4.2020 & Dt.21.4.2020.

ORDER:

In the references 1st to 11th read above, the Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department, GoAP and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India have issued consolidated guidelines imposing certain restrictions and distancing norms to prevent onset of community transmission of the Corona-virus, allowing certain activities with reasonable safeguards to improve the economic activity and advised the concern Departments to issue separate guidelines in the matter.

2 In the references 12th , 14th & 15th read above, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued “Consolidated Revised Guidelines” incorporating certain relaxations and stated that to mitigate hardship to the public, select additional activities will be allowed, which will come into effect from 20th April, 2020. However, these additional activities will be operational based on strict compliance to the existing guidelines on lockdown measures and that before operating these relaxations, State/UTs/District Administrations shall ensure that all preparatory arrangements with regard to social distancing in Offices, workplaces, factories and establishments, as also other sectoral requirements are in place and further directed that the “Consolidated Revised Guidelines” will not apply in containment zones, as demarcated and if any new area is included in the category of a containment zone, the activities allowed in that area till the time of its categorization as a containment zone, will be suspended except for those activities as are specifically permitted under the Guidelines of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India.

3. The Ministry of Home Affairs, in its Orders vide reference 12th read above, have also issued directions to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/Union Territory Authorities that the "lockdown" measures stipulated in aforesaid "Consolidated Revised Guidelines" of MHA shall be strictly implemented for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the Country, will continue to remain in force upto 03.05.2020 to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the Country. Further instructed that any person violating these lockdown measures 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 under Sec 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable, as extracted in Annexure (III) to the said order.

4. In turn, the Govt., of Andhra Pradesh, vide G.O. 13th read above, have issued directions to all concerned to strictly implement the said orders of the GoI, along with various orders issued from time to time by the State Government for "Lockdown" in the State for containing the spread of COVID-19.

5. In the 15th read above , the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued Standard Operating procedure for movement of Stranded Labour.

6. In compliance of the above, the Transport, Roads & Buildings Department has formulated the Action plan/ Operational guidelines concerned to the transport related services of Transport Department for prevention of spread of COVID - in Andhra Pradesh, which are Annexed to this order.

7. Therefore, the Transport Commissioner/all the Road Transport Authorities/all the District Collectors/ all the Superintendents of Police are hereby instructed to strictly implement the consolidated guidelines annexed to this order.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**M.T.KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Transport Commissioner, Vijayawada.

All the Road Transport Authorities in the State of AP.

All the District Collectors in the State of AP.

All the Superintendent of Police in the State.

The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam.

The Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Prl. Secy. to Hon'be CM

OSD to Hon'ble Minister, R&B,

PS to Chief Secretary to Government

PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister

PS to Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh

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SECTION OFFICER
(Contd...Annexure)

ANNEXURE to the G.O.Rt.No.125 TRANSPORT, ROADS

AND BUILDINGS(Tr.I) DEPARTMENT,

Dated:24.04.2020

Action Plan / Operational guidelines concerned to the transport related services of Transport Department for prevention of spread of COVID-19 in Andhra Pradesh.

Issued by:-

Department of Transport, Roads and Buildings.

Government of Andhra Pradesh

**ACTION PLAN ON THE REVISED GUIDELINES ISSUED BY MINISTRY
OF HOME AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON COVID-19
LOCKDOWN**

In view of the revised guidelines issued by the M.H.A., the following action plan is prepared for Transport Department, which is to be implemented by the Transport Commissioner with the support of Police Department and other concerned Authorities/Departments.

1. ENFORCEMENT AGAINST MOVEMENT OF PASSENGER VEHICLES:

The Transport Department will ensure that movement of all Passenger vehicles and personal non-transport vehicles except which are permitted for essential and emergency purposes by government, is totally banned. Every district will have special enforcement teams moving across the district and book cases under M.V.Act against violators. However, the Transport department will facilitate passenger vehicles for movement of persons engaged in essential and emergency services as mentioned in the Guide lines. These passenger vehicles will be arranged in such a way that all the containment measures suggested in the Guidelines are complied with.

2. ENFORCEMENT NORMS FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES PERMITTED TO PLY DURING LOCKDOWN:

The Transport Department will ensure that

- All the private vehicles permitted for emergency services like medical and veterinary care and for procuring essential commodities are only allowed
- With only one passenger, other than the driver, permitted in the back seat in case of four wheelers
- With only the driver is allowed in case of two wheelers.

3. ENSURING FREE MOVEMENT OF ALL GOODS VEHICLES:

The Transport Department will facilitate free movement of all goods vehicles including empty vehicles across the State:

- By ensuring that there are no bottlenecks at the state border check posts.
- By facilitating movement of stranded vehicles, if any, to their destination.
- By not unduly detaining the goods vehicles of both home state and other states, for longer time on the road.
- By assisting district administration in procuring vehicles and drivers, whenever required for movement of essential commodities or for any emergency purposes.

- By ensuring that no passengers are carried on these goods vehicles except one or two drivers as the case may be and one helper.
- By coordinating with the State Control Room on COVID-19 for resolving any complaints or requests for free movement of goods vehicles.

4. EDUCATING THE OWNERS AND DRIVERS OF VEHICLES:

The Transport Department will conduct meetings with Lorry owners in each district

- to encourage them to ply goods vehicles for transport of goods across the country
- to encourage them to keep vehicles at the disposal of district administration for movement of any essential commodities.
- To encourage drivers to ply the goods vehicles.

5. COORDINATION WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

The Transport Department will coordinate with District Administration

- To ensure that Shops for truck repairs and dhabas on highways, with a stipulated minimum distance as prescribed by the Government are made operational in the State.
- To ensure that Movement of staff and contractual labour for operations of railways, airports / air-carriers, seaports/ships/vessels, landports and ICDs is allowed on passes being issued by the local authority on the basis of authorizations issued by the respective designated authorities of railways, airports, seaports, landports and ICDs
- To ensure that the transportation of workers to work place shall be arranged by the employers in dedicated transport by ensuring social distancing.
- To ensure that exorbitant rates are not charged by the goods operators from the farmers for transportation of essential commodities.

6. DISINFECTING THE VEHICLE AND PROTECTING THE DRIVERS:

The Transport Department will ensure that

- All goods vehicles, Ambulances and other permitted vehicles are fumigated and sanitized at regular intervals, and after every trip.
- Sanitization of vehicles is done with 1% Hypochlorite solution.
- Hand sanitizers are kept in the vehicle for the use of drivers and persons getting into the vehicle for every new trip.

- Sprayers are used to clean the door knobs, windows etc.,
- All the drivers on each trip are provided with DRIVER PROTECTION KIT with sanitiser, body soap, face masks and hand gloves kept in it.
- The DRIVER PROTECTION KITS will be provided by Transport Department for all the drivers on the vehicles which are requisitioned by the government departments for various emergency and essential duties. The Transport Department will facilitate these kits to all the drivers to the maximum extent possible.
- The owners shall check the driver regularly for any symptoms of COVID-19 and other ailments and should be allowed for duty only if they are in good health condition.
- Social distancing is maintained in the vehicle.

7. COORDINATION WITH STATE CONTROL ROOM ON COVID-19:

The Transport Commissioner and all the senior officials will be in regular touch with the State Control Room and implement the directions being issued from time to time with regard to interstate movement of vehicles, helping the stranded drivers and passengers and easing the bottlenecks for free movement of all goods vehicles, ambulances and other passenger vehicles specifically permitted during the lockdown phase

Copy of the Revised Guidelines are being circulated to all the district officials for strict implementation.

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