

No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Government of India Ministry of Home affairs (Disaster Management Division)

> 3rd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi-110001 Dated 26th March, 2020

To

Chief Secretaries/Administrators of All States/Union Territories (As per list attached)

Subject: Clarifications on transportation of Animal feed and fodder with reference to Ministry of Home Affairs Order no No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 24th March & 25th March 2020.

Sir/Madam,

Please refer to this Ministry's Order of even no dated 24th March 2020 and 25th March 2020 with the Annexure/ Addendum containing Guidelines on the measures to be taken by Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State/ Union Territory Authorities for containment of COVID-19 Epidemic in the Country.

- In the Annexure/ Addendum to the aforesaid Orders, under the exceptions to clause 6, transportation of essential goods and inter-state movement of goods have been allowed. However it has come to notice that some states are not allowing interstate movement of 'animal feed and fodder'. It is hereby clarified that exceptions under clause 6, covers the transportation/ inter-state movement of animal feed and fodder, being the essential items.
- It is requested that the above clarification may please be disseminated to the 3. field agencies so as to ensure movement of Animal feed and fodder.

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Dated the 7th April, 2020.

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Dear Madam / Sit,

The country is going through a very difficult time because of epidemic of deadly Corona virus COVID-19. The Government has been taking unprecedented measures to fight the situation, including providing assistance and support to farmers and general public.

- 2. This Department, Chairman and Members of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog and Members of Animal Welfare Board of India are receiving many panic calls from Gaushalas and Animal welfare activists indicating that a large number of Gau vansh are on the verge of starvation due to unavailability of fodder for the last few days. The State Governments are taking suitable actions; however, it is not sufficient enough and need more efforts.
- 3. As per Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 26th March, 2020, transportation/ inter-state movement of animal feed and fodder is essential and exempted item. In view of above, it is requested that Distt. Administration may be advised to make all efforts to ensure uninterrupted availability/ supply of animal feed/ fodder to Gaushalas, shelter houses, Pinzrapoles etc. to feed their animals. However, the guidelines of Disaster Management Division of Ministry of Home Affairs need to be followed strictly.

With kind regards,

(O.P. Chaudhary)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India & Member Secretary, Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog

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Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India (Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying)

No. 9-16/2019-20/PCA

Dated, 23.03.2020

To All the Chief Secretaries of all states and UTs

Sir/ Madam

As you may be aware due to ongoing control and containment of COVID 19 pandemic many States have gone for complete locked down to stop spreading of virus.

- 2. I would like to draw your kind attention that feed and fodder for large animals and food for companion and stray animals is an essential service and may be kept operational during lockdowns. District Administration may, if need be, allot specific time during the morning and evening hours for individuals/ volunteers to provide food and water for street animals and birds. This is a valuable service consistently provided by compassionate individuals and the absence of it may cause a large number of animals and birds to suffer and die and carcasses of the dead animals and birds may further spread different diseases amongst community which will be difficult to control.
- 3. It is requested to kindly issue necessary direction to all concerned authorities to create awareness amongst the public to take care of stray animals during the lock down due to COVID-19. The law enforcement authorities may also be directed to see that the animals and birds do not suffer due to hunger. A copy of the direction issued in this regard may also be forwarded to the board for information.

Kindly treat the matter as MOST URGENT

Yours sincerely,

(Dr. O.P. Chaudhary

Chairman

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