

Minutes of Meeting of the State Executive Committee held in the Forest Bhavan, on 12th April 2020

On 12/04/2020, 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 Jaspal Singh, IGP
3. Shri Subhash Chandra, PCCF
4. Shri Kunal, CEO
5. Shri Santosh Kumar, Add. PCCF.
6. Ms Nila Mohanan, Secretary, Health
7. Shri Amit Satija, Commissioner, Excise
8. Shri PS Reddy, Secretary, Fisheries
9. Shri. J. Ashok Kumar, Secretary, Tourism
10. Shri Sanjay Grihar, Secretary, Panchayats
11. Shri C.R. Garg, Secretary, Law
12. Ms Isha Khosla, Secretary, Civil Supply.
13. Shri Tariq Thomas, DMA
14. Shri U. P. Parsekar, Principal Chief Engineer (PWD)
15. Shri. R. G. Keni, Chief Engineer (Electricity)
16. Shri Narayan Gad, Director Panchayat
17. Ms. Meghna Shetgaonkar Director Information & Publicity.
18. Shri. Shrikant Patil C.E. (WRD)
19. Mr. Anthony D'Souza, Director (NRI)
20. Shri Rajan Satardekar Director (Transport)
21. Shri. Keshav Kumar CF(C)

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

1. **Status of COVID19:** Secretary, Health informed that no Covid-19 suspected case sample is pending for the testing in GMC. Also, no new Covid-19 case has been detected after 3rd April 2020. As on date, Goa has seven positive cases of Covid-19, out of which five patients have recovered and have been shifted to a Quarantine facility outside Covid Hospital. The SEC noted with caution that Goa had not yet faced any community transmission.

2. **Pre-Monsoon Activities:** Director (Panchayat) informed that 181 Panchayat out of 191 have started pre-monsoon activities. This work has also started in all 14 municipalities. He also informed that the remaining Panchayats would start work by Monday. The SEC asked the Secretary (Panchayat) to work out a scheme to provide grant-in-aid to Panchayats, to be able to carry out their activities and also help them meet some emergent expenditure related to COVID19.
3. **Opening of Government Offices:**
 - a. After discussion in the SEC, Secretary, GAD framed an Order related to joining of office by the Government staff from Monday. The Order (copy annexed) has directed all senior functionaries of the Government to join the office from Monday and work out a mechanism for staggered timings for the remaining staff, to facilitate their safe movement by KTC buses.
 - b. Director, Transport informed that his department would put 206 buses in service to ferry the Government functionaries from Monday onwards. KTCL, with the assistance of police, will ensure entry in buses strictly for Government servants against production of Office Identity Cards.
4. Secretary Health informed the SEC that OPDs would start in a phased and staggered manner except OPD at GMC. This phased opening of OPDs would facilitate scheduled immunisation, neonatal services and handling aged patients. The SEC agreed with the phased operationalisation of OPDs and asked the Secretary to share the details once ready.
5. Secretary Health also informed that health services would return to normal, if private health facilities also start functioning. The SEC clarified that all health services, whether private or public, are essential services and they should serve the people in need of medical care. Secretary Health also informed that an appeal has been made by the IMA, as under:

**Press note
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Indian Medical Association, Goa state is fully supporting Dr Pramod Sawant, CM, Goa initiative in conducting a "house to house" survey to be conducted by govt staff. We are committed to fight this Covid19 menace as a strong united force. This survey will give a strong data to the Government on prevalence of upper flu like disease in society as such, also prevalence of diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease and respiratory diseases in the Goan population, which will be like a cohort study in Goan population. Which in turn will be a great asset to the health dept for future reference not only in this crisis but also in control of non communicable disease in Goa and frame policies depending on findings which will be a great advantage to people of goa in turn.

We also want other associations like

1. Goa Ayurvedic Medical Association



2. Homeopathic Association of India- Goa
 3. General practitioners association of Goa
 4. Goa veterinary association
 5. Indian Dental Association Goa State
 6. Association of Occupational Health Goa
 7. Indian Radiological association- Goa State
 8. Goa association of pathologist
 9. Indian association of physiotherapist-Goa
 10. Association of private nursing homes-Goa
- and other such organisations to be on the same platform and support this fight against Covid 19. IMA doctors will not shun away from their duties of any sort as per the request of the Goa govt.

We strongly support Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant in this "Fight to Win" against Covid 19. We expect the government to give full proper protection to all the field staff, training, and logistics for smooth conduct of the survey. We hope the staff takes care about proper social distancing and sanitisation.

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6. Secretary Health also raised the issue of misinformation being spread about the treatment of foreign nationals. She clarified there is no circular issued by the Health department which prohibits the treatment of foreign nationals in any private medical institutions.
7. Secretary, AH & VS/Agriculture informed that vegetable supply is normal and animal meat would start coming as the Government has permitted its entry. The SEC was informed that the supply has increased. To make these goods available to wider public, the SEC suggested that those who deal with such products can sell these fresh food items directly from their own vehicles in different parts of Goa, as municipal markets are closed.
8. Director (NRI)/Nodal Officer for Goans stranded abroad informed that he is in touch with the concerned authorities at the Central government to facilitate the movement of seafarers, as and when permitted. The SEC directed that regular updates be shared with it. The SEC also asked the Secretary Tourism to make available a list of paid facilities where such seafarers could be Quarantined on their arrival. The SEC also asked Secretary Health to develop a standard protocol to handle the return of Goans stranded abroad.
9. IGP informed that Railway Station Masters have confirmed that they have started checking the goods trains, to prevent the possibility of people using the same for



movement in/out of Goa. Police may initiate legal action against all concerned if there are any lapses.

10. PCCF informed that regular patrolling is going on in the forest, and the Zoo is also being looked after well. Animals in distress in the forest area are being given proper shelter and care by the Forest department. The SEC asked the department to ensure the due protection and care of wild animals.


PCCF also informed that around 50 forest field staff and laborers controlled a forest fire in survey no 44 of Sirvoi village opposite Someshwar temple. Forest fire was contained within 10 ha area after 3 days of intensive operation from 10th to 12th April using air and mist blowers. Due to the presence of dry bamboo and grasses, the fire was ferocious and could have been very devastating for the adjacent forests. The SEC appreciated the operation and asked the department to remain vigilant.

11. Commissioner, Excise informed that liquor manufacturers have produced about 1.3 lakhs liters of sanitisers for the use in Goa and to supply to other States.
12. The Nodal Officer (Foreigners) informed the SEC that, till date, a total of 3924 Foreigners have left in 21 flights.

13. Other Issues:

- a. PCE (PWD) informed that tents have been erected at all the eight monitoring posts on various State borders, as directed by the SEC earlier.
- b. CE, Electricity Department reported that normal Power Supply has resumed after it got disrupted earlier due to inclement weather.
- c. PCE (PWD) reported that water supply is also normal.
- d. CE(WRD) informed that the department has to complete four works before the arrival of Monsoon. The SEC asked CE (WRD), PCE(PWD), CE(Electricity) to be ready to execute these works at a short notice.
- e. Secretary (Finance) reported that Hon'ble CM has taken up the matter with the Central government for accepting the donation in CM Covid Relief Fund as CSR funding.

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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