



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA GUIDELINE FOR PHASED RESTARTING OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

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Government of India announced extension of the nation – wide lock down for another 19 days, till 3rd May 2020. An elaborate guideline document was issued by the Government today, spelling out activities which will / will not be allowed from being carried out during this period. The guidelines for activities which can be carried out will come into effect from 20th April 2020. Essential services and some critical industrial sectors requiring continuous production have been given relaxation.

A snapshot of some of those activities are listed below:

Operations Allowed/ Establishments Allowed to remain Open		Operations Disallowed/ Establishments not Allowed to remain Open	
	<p>Transport Services for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter – district and inter – state movement for medical purpose • Security Purpose • Cargo and freight • Supply of essential Services 	All other passenger travel – inter district and inter – state included, services of cab aggregators	
	<p>Medical Facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitals, Chemists, research labs • Veterinary hospitals and medical aid • Infrastructure including manufacture of ambulances 	All Industrial and commercial activities except those specifically mentioned in the guidelines (see next page)	
	<p>Hospitality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotels and other accommodations where tourists are stranded due to lockdown • Establishments earmarked for quarantine facilities 	<p>Recreational Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports/ social gatherings • Hospitality Services and all entertainment establishments 	
	<p>Agricultural Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural & horticultural to remain fully functional • “Mandis” & direct marketing operations by Farmers/ group of farmers 	<p>Religious Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All religious places • Religious gatherings 	
	<p>Financial Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBI and RBI regulated financial markets & entities – NPCI, CCIL, payment operators, etc. • Bank branches and ATMs • Local administration to ensure adequate safety at Banking premises 	<p>Academics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational, training and coaching institutes (Encouragement to online classes only) 	

Other Operations Allowed/ Establishments Allowed to remain Open

	<p>Public Utilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations of Oil & Gas: Refining, transportation, storage & retail of products • Generation & Transmission of Power • Postal Services • Water, Sanitation and Waste Management sectors • Telecom & Internet services
	<p>Industrial units:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial establishments in rural areas • Manufacturing and other establishments in SEZ and EOUs • Manufacturers of essential goods • Food Processing, etc.
	<p>Commercial & Private Establishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print & Electronic Media • DTH & Cable services • Courier Services • E-commerce companies • Cold Storage & Warehousing • IT & IT enabled services – up to 50% strength • Data and Call centers for Govt activity • CSCs at Gram Panchayat Level • Private security Services for upkeep of commercial and residential complexes • Self – employed services – electrician, IT repairs, plumbers, etc.
	<p>Social Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation of homes for special - abled/ children/ senior citizens/ mentally challenged/ destitute/ women/ widows • Observation homes, places of safety for juveniles • Anganwadi workers • Disbursement of Social Security Pensions
	<p>MNREGA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed with strict implementation of social distancing and face masks • Irrigation & water conservation work

Our View:

We believe that any economy is akin to a car battery. The longer you keep it idle, the higher the chances of complete meltdown. To balance the health safety needs of our large population and at the same time ensuring that no further damage is inflicted on the economy, the Government's comprehensive step by step measure to reopen certain critical sectors, is a move in the right direction. It will provide much needed help to mitigate the hardship being faced by a large section of the labour force. It will also act as a "morale" booster.

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