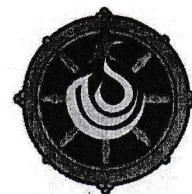


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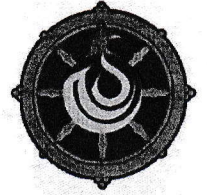
We would like to convey the directives and decisions on the Agenda Items that your office has submitted to the National COVID-19 Task Force. The Secretariat would like to request the Regional Task Force to kindly inform the relevant stakeholders for implementation.

1. Food Corporation of Bhutan to accord priority for stocking up Potatoes and Apples in cold storage and then the balance to be exported through any other formal exit points other than Phuentsholing.
2. Bhutan Livestock Development Corporation to facilitate the supply of livestock and dairy products. Once the new zoning system becomes operational for Thimphu, the BLDC should ensure that they identify shops if possible, otherwise appropriate vending trucks or pickup to be arranged.
3. Industries at Pasakha should be allowed to operate following strict self-containment measures and protocols. The workers including the management must strictly reside within the factory premises, without contact with their families and others. The export of finished goods shall be allowed provided it does not require transit through population centres, however the import of raw materials shall continue to be restricted. Similarly factories/ industries in Nganglam, Gelephu, Rabtenling(S/J), Gomtu, SMCL can operate provided the above measures are followed. The Association of Bhutanese Industries is requested to provide a letter of assurance and a copy of Standard Operating Procedures of each industry/ factory for operation in a self-contained mode during lockdown.
4. The Ministry of Health needs to work out the usage and stock balance along with the appropriateness of the PPE's provided to the frontline workers.



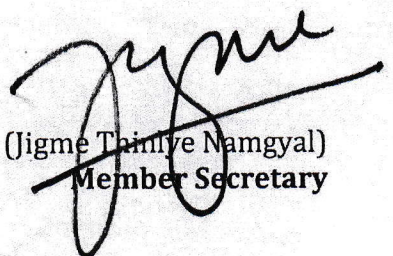
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5. Although the window period for movement of stranded people, provided by the NC19TF is over, the Dzonkghag TF may facilitate the movement of stranded people on case by case basis in consultation with the Regional Task Force.
6. The ban on import of onions and tomatoes by Eastern COVID-19 Task Force has been endorsed by NC19TF. However in future, banning of import of any commodities requires prior consent of the NC19TF as it has implications on bilateral relations.
7. As Phuentsholing is currently under 'red zone', the Regional COVID-19 Task Force is requested to explore the possibilities of import and export of goods through other entry/exit check points in consultation with the MoEA.
8. Congregation of laborers during harvest is not allowed during lockdown.

Thanking You
Yours Sincerely


(Jigme Thinley Namgyal)
Member Secretary

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1. Dasho Dzongdags, 20 Dzongkhags.

DT Secretary
Pl. share with the GAOs for
briefing their respective groups.

18.08.2020